

# YOUR FREE BanburyCake

TO ADVERTISE  
ONLINE  
[banburycake.co.uk/advertise](http://banburycake.co.uk/advertise)

JUNE 29, 2017

REACHING 18,603 READERS EACH WEEK IN PRINT AND ONLINE

[banburycake.co.uk](http://banburycake.co.uk)

01865 425282



## AFTERNOON SPECIAL

Play 18 holes of golf from 12pm and enjoy these fantastic offers!

Play from 12pm - 4pm £22 Weekday and £24 Weekend  
4pm - 6pm £24 Everyday  
6pm onwards £21 Everyday

We also offer NHS/Emergency services and Military Personnel a special deal on Monday - Friday from 11am - 4pm of £18 for 18 holes. ID required

To book,  
Call the Pro Shop 01869 351133  
[www.kirtlingtongolfclub.com](http://www.kirtlingtongolfclub.com)

T's and C's Apply on all offers

Please also find us on



**KIRTLINGTON GOLF CLUB,**  
Oxon OX5 3JY  
Tel: 01869 351133  
[www.kirtlingtongolfclub.com](http://www.kirtlingtongolfclub.com) • [info@kirtlingtongolfclub.com](mailto:info@kirtlingtongolfclub.com)

Situated 5 mins from M40 J9  
10 mins from Bicester, Kidlington, Woodstock  
15 mins from Oxford,  
20 mins Banbury and Witney

## Animal magic on the move for hospice

ELATED late-night walkers took to the streets in their hundreds to raise money for a much-loved care service in North Oxfordshire.

Some 500 charity champions donned fancy dress – this year with an ‘animals’ theme – to walk, shimmy and dance through Banbury for Katharine House Hospice late on Saturday night and into Sunday morning.

The 11th Midnight Walk is set to raise almost £70,000 for the Adderbury hospice’s work offering specialist care to people with life-limiting illnesses and loved ones.

Katharine House spokesman Chris Higgins said: “This year’s Midnight Walk was our best event yet and shows just how much support there is for local hospice care.

“Whether it’s people staying in our hospice at the



end of their lives, people who need support to live with their illness in their own homes or in a care home, or children, teenagers, and adults who need help coming to terms with the loss of someone special, the money

raised will make a real difference to families.”

It costs £10,000 a day for Katharine House to provide services to families in North Oxfordshire and surrounding counties.

Many taking part on the

night had a connection to the hospice, with others taking part because of the work the hospice does for local people. Bacon rolls were provided by Reg’s Cafe in Thorpe Way in Banbury, and music brought to walkers by Radio Horton.

Work has started to convert derelict former offices into flats

# BREATH OF LIFE FOR BUILDING

A NEW lease of life is finally being given to Banbury’s most famous derelict building which has stood empty for almost 25 years.

Work has begun to build 47 one-bed, two-bed and studio apartments at Crown House, a former office building in Bridge Street.

Now an application by developers Brickmorton to revive the mock Tudor building next door has also been given the seal of approval by Cherwell District Council.

The former Crown Hotel is to be converted into four new self-contained apartments, along with a new town centre coffee shop.

Councillor Colin Clarke, Cherwell’s lead member for planning, said: “This is the latest in a series of approved proposals to regenerate Crown House and the town centre.

“The redevelopment will go a long way to not only address the external appearance of this forgotten building, but also provide much-needed housing opportunities.”

Crown House has stood abandoned and boarded-up for decades, subjected

### Hannah Somerville

[hannah.somerville@nqo.com](mailto:hannah.somerville@nqo.com)

to numerous acts of vandalism and occasionally used by rough sleepers.

In 2013 Cherwell tried to wrest back control of the land via a compulsory purchase order (CPO) but was hampered by planning applications put in by successive owners.

Mr Clarke, who is also serving his second term as Mayor of Banbury, said: “It has been very frustrating.

“But ownership of the building has changed and we are seeing movement at long last. Work is being done on the premises as we speak.”

Approval was granted back in 2016 for the main building to be converted into 37 apartments, with an extra 10 added as an extension in May 2017.

Mr Clarke added: “Housing options will be provided to residents, and neighbouring businesses and shoppers will see this neglected building getting the attention it deserves.

“Residents and visitors to the area will also have one more coffee shop to choose from during their trips into

the town centre.”

Sean Woodcock, the leader of the Labour group on Cherwell District Council, said: “This is great news for the town but it is frankly long overdue.

“This has been a blight on our town centre for a quarter of a century, yet the council has been unable to do anything about it.

“We need to look at planning rules and stop greedy speculators hoarding land like this and allowing it to go to rack and ruin to the detriment of the surrounding neighbourhood.”

**Blinkhorns**  
 Audio Visual Limited  
  
  
01865 298859  
[sales@blinkhorns.com](mailto:sales@blinkhorns.com)  
[www.blinkhornsav.com](http://www.blinkhornsav.com)  
5 South Bar, Banbury, OX16 9AA

## Care contract for NHS 111 service

AN ALLIANCE led by South Central Ambulance Trust has been formally awarded the contract for the 111 service in the Thames Valley.

Described as the 'front door to urgent care', the service will offer patients 24/7 access to urgent clinical assessment and treatment over the phone.

It incorporates NHS 111, out-of-hours GPs and other clinical advice such as dental, medicines and mental health.

A team of clinicians will be available on the phone when needed.

SCAS will work with 10 clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) across the Thames Valley to support the development of the service, which will be formally launched in September 2017.

Oxfordshire CCG yesterday refused to disclose the value of the contract, saying it was 'commercially sensitive'.

Sam Burrows, the senior responsible officer for the bidding process, said: "This is an exciting time, and one which is going to improve patients' experience by getting them to appropriate care."

"I would like to thank all local residents, stakeholders and clinicians who took the time to give views and feedback during the engagement process."

Philip Astle, chief operating officer at SCAS, added: "We are delighted to be at the heart of these exciting developments of the NHS 111. SCAS has a strong track record of working with healthcare partners to deliver outstanding care to the people of the Thames Valley, and this transformation of NHS 111 will enable us to build on that record."



Families, staff and pupils enjoy a sun-soaked day of entertainment at Bloxham Primary School

## 'Brilliant' music festival strikes the right chord with families

A 'BRILLIANT' family music festival at Bloxham Primary School was a hit with both pupils and parents with a line-up of 17 different acts.

More than a thousand people flocked to Bloxham Primary School's 'Big Festival in the Playground' on Saturday, June 17, for a day of music,

drama, art and literacy in the playing fields.

Performers included Aitch Bembridge, drummer from The Selector, who has worked with global stars such as David Bowie and Bob Geldof.

Festivalgoers were also

entertained by Coventry reggae band The Albatones, Canadian artist Selena Evangeline and 2 Tone ska band The Skalectrics.

Head teacher Matthew Ingall said: "Oxfordshire has a thriving music scene with festivals like Cornbury, Wilderness and Cropsey, but what's

unique about ours is that it was all for children and their families."

"More 300 children performed in different music or drama activities throughout the day. We sold over a thousand tickets and all had a brilliant time. I couldn't be more proud of the children or staff."

**ARE YOU  
LOOKING FOR A  
NEW JOB?**

**job fair**

es1jobs.com  
The Oxford Times  
Sponsored by

Come along to our Job Fair  
And find your dream job

To book a stand please call  
**01865 420420** or email **reception@nqo.com**

**22nd SEPTEMBER 2017**

**FREE ENTRY**

The Oxford Times Job Fair, Doors open 10am  
Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford

## Health shake-up fiercely criticised

Campaigners brand consultation on changes to service 'dishonest'

**Hannah Somerville**  
hannah.somerville@nqo.com

A SCATHING attack was launched on 'useless' plans to reshape the health service in Oxfordshire at a meeting last week.

Phase one of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's 'transformation' plans for the county include a shake-up of services at the Horton General Hospital.

Results from a 12-week public consultation were released this month but the process, which has been split into two consultations, was branded 'dishonest' by campaigners.

The first set of proposals included provisions to boost outpatient and diagnostic capacity at the Horton in Banbury, but also the centralisation of acute stroke and critical care and a permanent downgrade of the hospital's maternity unit to midwife-led status following a 'temporary' move last October.

Some 200 acute beds across Oxfordshire could also be closed and A&E services, long believed to be under threat at the Horton, are being consulted on next.

Keith Strangwood, chairman



Chairman of Healthwatch Oxfordshire George Smith

of the Keep the Horton General campaign, said of the consultation results: "It was clear a huge percentage wanted the obstetrics unit in Banbury to stay. It is clear the plan is to put the pain in the north. It is still clear people are against the proposals."

"Let's hope the CCG care enough about north Oxfordshire people to listen to these survey results."

At a meeting of Oxfordshire's health overview and scrutiny committee (HOSC) last week

concerns were raised about the long-term viability of the plans.

George Smith, the new chairman of Healthwatch Oxfordshire, said: "Many documents are predicting a 27 per cent growth in the population by 2031, with 185,000 more people coming to the county. If we were expecting guests we would make up the beds, put fresh towels out, stock up the larder and maybe do a bit of baking."

"Instead we are selling off the beds, taking the towels to the charity shops and emptying the larder. In the short term we maybe shutting facilities, to only reopen them in the longer term and I fear we will be spending two lots of money to only get back to where we started. We need to have a clear vision."

Dissatisfied HOSC members called for an additional public meeting ahead of the CCG's decision on what plans to implement in August.

Chief executive of the CCG David Smith said it would be 'happy' to comply adding: "We have not made a decision on the plans as it will be made on August 10."

"We have said we will look again at some of the issues raised from the consultation and we will look at issues you have raised."

## Fridge freezer safety alert

OWNERS of Hotpoint fridges in Oxfordshire are urged to check their appliances after police revealed the Grenfell Tower fire started in a faulty fridge-freezer manufactured by the company.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue took to social media to direct the county's residents to information about certain models of Hotpoint fridge-freezer.

The Government has launched an examination of the appliance in question to see if any further action needs to be taken.

In a statement on its website, Hotpoint urged owners of the fridge-freezer model in question to make contact.

The statement read: "We have been made aware that the recent fire at Grenfell Tower in West London may have originated in a Hotpoint branded fridge freezer, manufactured between March 2006 and July 2009, model numbers FF175BP (white) and FF175BG (graphite)."

A total of 79 people are feared dead after the blaze destroyed 151 homes in the Kensington tower block.

On Friday, a major evacuation took place at a London housing estate over fire safety fears which arose as a result of the disaster.

Some 800 households in five tower blocks on the Chalcots Estate in Camden were moved to temporary accommodation after firefighters said they could not guarantee the safety of the buildings, council leader Georgia Gould said.

Visit [bit.ly/2rNNXse](http://bit.ly/2rNNXse).

# Shopping parade facelift plans given the go-ahead

Planners say changes will result in a more inviting public space

**Hannah Somerville**  
[hannah.somerville@nqo.com](mailto:hannah.somerville@nqo.com)

SHOPS in Banbury's Orchard Way are set to receive a makeover after a swathe of improvements to frontage were given the go-ahead from planning bosses.

In the coming months a number of new features will be added to the shopping parade, with the existing grassy area to be expanded out.

Three new tree grills, a series of benches and new bins are also on the way and concrete areas will undergo resurfacing.

The application was approved on Thursday, June 15, by Cherwell District Council's planning committee and follows the renovation of flats above the shops.

In a report seen by councillors, officers noted: "The existing expansive hard surfaced area on the site is an urbanising feature that does not make a positive contribution towards the character and appearance of the area.



The shops in Orchard Way, which are to receive an overhaul

Picture: Google Maps

"Thus, the reduction of the amount of hard surfacing on the site along with the increase in the area of grass is considered to be a positive alteration to the site."

"The other alterations have a negligible impact upon the visual amenities of the locality, and result in a more legible and inviting public space."

Colin Clarke, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "Bretch Hill residents and businesspeople deserve an attractive shopping area

which is why the council is investing millions of pounds into the estate to make it somewhere the town as a whole can be proud of."

The work comes as part of a long-running programme of investment in the Bretch Hill area, which has also included improvements to Woodgreen Leisure Centre, affordable housing schemes and upcoming plans for a total rebuild of The Hill Youth and Community Centre.

Mr Clarke added: "The Orchard Way shops are in a highly visible

location on a busy roundabout and it is important that the area be kept looking its best. The improvements are relatively minor in planning terms, but they will have a big effect for townspeople and visitors, fitting perfectly with our wider strategic vision for Bretch Hill.

"We hope the improvements will give a lift to local businesses, making the precinct more inviting for shoppers and more attractive to passing motorists using the roundabout."

# BanburyCake



## ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS FOR FREE

Advertise your business to more than 9 million local and national readers  
in less than 5 minutes and **FOR FREE!**



### OR ENHANCE YOUR LISTING TO INCLUDE:

- Links to your website and email
- 4 images
- A map
- **FREE** discount voucher creation
- Unlimited words about your business which helps highlight your business from the hundreds of others that are listed in popular search engines such as Google.

**SCAN OUR QR CODE  
AND GO STRAIGHT TO THE PAGE**

Or go to

[www.Banburycake.co.uk/click2find](http://www.Banburycake.co.uk/click2find)



**DON'T DELAY! ADD YOUR BUSINESS TODAY**

## NHS trust tops chart for studies recruitment

A HEALTH trust has risen to the top of the charts for the most people recruited to take part in research studies.

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust recruited 1,908 people to 36 studies supported by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) in 2016/17.

Among the trust's studies is a trial exploring how to lower smoking rates in people with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

People with mental illnesses are more likely to smoke and figures show they consume 42 per cent of tobacco in England, and 53 per cent of those with schizophrenia and 48 per cent with bipolar die of smoking-related illnesses.

The Smoking Cessation Intervention for severe Mental Ill Health Trial (SCIMITAR+) is comparing routine GP support for stopping smoking, with a new programme of one-to-one support in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

The intervention involved Oxford Health referring their patients to eight to 12 weekly, 30 to 45-minute sessions with a mental health practitioner.

Christina Cusack, the study's lead research assistant, said: "This study has helped us identify that it is difficult to demonstrate the importance of smoking cessation to mental health professionals, as many feel service users have a lot going on as it is and quitting smoking isn't most important to them."

# Armed Forces Day parade bonanza hosted by town



Cadets march through the streets for Armed Forces Day

HUNDREDS of servicemen and women, cadets, veterans and civic leaders lined up in Market Place for Armed Forces Day.

The annual parade through the streets of Banbury forms part of national celebrations recognising the work of all corners of the armed forces community and their families.

On Saturday procession members paraded through the town's streets led by the band of the 1460 (Banbury) Air Training Corps.

Young musicians stepped in to lead the procession at the 11th hour after one of the country's top military bands, the Waterloo Band of the Rifles

**Hannah Somerville**  
hannah.somerville@nqo.com

based at Abingdon, had to cancel because one of its members became unavailable.

Kieron Mallon, the leader of Banbury Town Council, which organises the event each year, said: "The event is a chance to show support for the men and women who make up the armed forces community, from currently serving troops to service families, veterans and cadets. It's great that young local musicians are able to step into the shoes of some of the best marching musicians in the country."

This year's event also included a drumhead service, a religious service traditionally conducted both in the field during conflict and in peacetime, with neatly-piled drums draped with flags to create a temporary altar.

Elsewhere in Oxfordshire hundreds turned out for military parades which took place in Carterton, Didcot, Wantage and at the Bicester Carnival.

The names of 20 fallen soldiers who served in the First World War and Second World War from the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry were also read out in Oxford's Christ Church Cathedral at the second Turning the Pages ceremony of the year.

**OPEN EVERY SATURDAY & Bank Holiday Monday**

**FINMERE AERODROME BOOTSALE**

Saturdays largest Car Boot Sale  
In Buckinghamshire MK18 4AR

**ALL HARDSTANDING**  
Open Every Saturday & Bank Holiday at 7am

**07883 258 325**  
**07850 912 181**

**WWW.FINEMEREBOOTSALE.CO.UK**

## Ultimatum over surgery waiting times

MORE must be done urgently to reduce waiting times for elective surgery at Oxfordshire's hospitals, an NHS regulator has said.

Last November NHS Improvement launched an investigation into Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUH) over excessive waits faced by patients in A&E, following cancer diagnoses and for elective surgeries.

In a newly-published report the body said OUH had avoided formal action for the time being, but needed to take 'significant further action' or risk

having its licence revoked under the Health and Social Care Act.

Amanda Lyons, delivery and improvement director for South Central at NHS Improvement, said: "It is important that the trust tackles elective waiting times to improve patients' experience and uphold the standards that people expect of the NHS."

"I am confident that the support package we have agreed with the trust gives them the best opportunity to do this."

Over the course of 2016/17 OUH failed to meet waiting

time targets in A&E, with just 86.1 per cent of patients treated, admitted or discharged within four hours against a target of 95 per cent.

Cancer waiting times also continue to be a problem, with 78.1 per cent of people receiving their first treatment within 62 days of a diagnosis against an 85 per cent NHS standard.

Both of OUH's action plans to deal with these – including reducing bed-blocking in acute settings, and strengthening clinical leadership in oncology – were found to be fit for

purpose by the regulator.

Trust chief executive Bruno Holthof said: "We have been putting into action our plans to ensure all patients requiring emergency and cancer treatment receive it within minimal waiting time."

But the trust's referral-to-treatment waiting times for elective treatment and operations, including gynaecology, ear, nose and throat services and orthopaedics, continues to be of concern. About 10 per cent of patients were waiting longer than 18 weeks for procedures.

## Quarry plans are approved

Quarry plan for county approved  
PLANS to manage quarrying in the county for the next 14 years have received the stamp of approval this week from central government.

A new 'minerals and waste core strategy' by Oxfordshire County Council is set to be adopted shortly and run until 2031.

It has now received approval from the government's Planning Inspectorate.

The plan outlines how much sand, gravel, limestone, ironstone and clay the county might need in the next 14 years, as well as recycled concrete and ash.

It is used to help decide whether quarrying can be carried out in the county.

There are also measures to protect the water environment, agricultural land and soils, biodiversity, the landscape and historic environment in Oxfordshire, and ensure high-quality restoration of minerals and waste sites.

Yvonne Constance, the council's cabinet member for environment, said: "I am pleased that the planning inspector's report concludes that the core strategy is sound and legally compliant and can now be adopted.

"This represents the outcome of many years of hard work and public debate on this important statutory document."

"I would like to thank everyone for their input in helping develop a strategy that will meet our future needs while minimising the impact on Oxfordshire's environment and local residents. It is a very important balance to strike."

# Banking on 600-mile ride

Manager and friends in fundraising marathon for community hospice

**Hannah Somerville**  
hannah.somerville@nqo.com

A BANBURY bank manager has swapped bean-counting for a bike and side car to raise money for Katharine House Hospice.

Gareth Nichols, who runs the TSB branch in High Street, has just completed a 700-mile tour of Britain along with friends to raise cash for the Adderbury hospice.

Starting from Ruthwell, Dumfries, and ending back in Banbury, the trip passed through 12 major towns and cities and raised £4,300 in the process, smashing the original fundraising target of £2,500.

It formed part of a spectacular fundraising weekend for Katharine House as some 500 people took to the streets of Banbury for the 11th sponsored Midnight Walk.

Mr Nichols avoided motorways to add to the challenge and was accompanied by his friend and bank customer, Charlie Prescott, who built the motorbike and side car.

The first leg of the journey, from Ruthwell to Berwick on Tweed, was sent off by a charity delivering medical supplies run by volunteer bikers, the Blood Bikes.

He said: "Thank you so much to the local Blood Bikes for setting us off on our 600-mile motorbike ride. They do a fabulous job delivering



Gareth Nichols, left and far right, sets off from Ruthwell with friend Charlie Prescott and members of the Blood Bikes

much-needed medical supplies in the local area.

"We're really proud to support and raise money for Katharine House Hospice as the work it does is so vital to the local community."

Katharine House offers specialist end-of-life care to people living with

terminal illnesses in North Oxfordshire and surrounding counties.

It also helps people with life-shortening conditions to live independently and offers support to families and loved ones following a bereavement.

This year the charity is celebrat-

ing its 25th year and support from the public through fundraisers, volunteering and regular donations is vital to its continued survival.

For more information on Mr Nichols' journey or to donate visit [justgiving.com/fundraising/banburytsbgreatadventure](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/banburytsbgreatadventure).

## Banbury Town Council proudly presents **BANBURY FOOD FAIR**

INCORPORATING THE BANBURY FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST, 10.30am - 4.30pm. BANBURY TOWN CENTRE and TOWN HALL

Demonstrating for you .....

**Andrew Scott** - The Great British Menu

**Nick Bennett** - Masterchef, The Professionals

**Saira Hamilton** - Masterchef



And guest chef  
**Rosemary Shrager**

# Co-op champions to aid charity

**Sophie Grubb**  
sgrubb@nqo.com

COLLEAGUES at the Co-op are 'building a legacy to 'improve lives' by tackling key community issues.

Branches of The Midcounties Co-operative across six areas of Oxfordshire have been chosen to champion a range of causes close to customers' hearts.

Stores in central Oxford, Vale of White Horse, Banbury, Bicester, Chipping Norton and Kidlington have been picked among 20 areas in the region, where staff will plough time and energy into volunteering and fundraising.

Peter Lockey, a leadership team ambassador at The Midcounties Co-op in Oxfordshire, said: "We are confident that we can make a real difference to residents and local community groups by focusing our support on the issues that matter to them."

"The causes we have chosen to support were all identified by our local members, colleagues and board members as being extremely important to our community, and we look forward to collaborating with charities and community groups to help tackle these causes."

The Co-op runs 72 outlets in Oxfordshire – 38 food stores, 13 funeral homes, 10 post offices, three travel branches, three healthcare branches and five childcare nurseries.

The Midcounties Co-operative has chosen Oxford-based homelessness



Co-operative staff Claire Chukwuma and Ollie Akinbami helping at the Gatehouse homeless centre in Oxford with helpers L-R Jayson Marc Foster, Samantha Hatzis, Sam Lisle and Lucjan Zaniewski.

Picture: Tim Mossford

charity The Gatehouse as its charity partner for this year, and has already donated £6,000 from the 5p carrier bag charge and staff cake sales.

In 2016 the Co-op's central Oxford area, which covers Summertown, Kennington, Headington, and Botley, gave £25,000 to causes including Oxford Food Bank and Oxfam.

Mr Lockey said: "Our work in the communities where we operate is about building a legacy to improve the lives of people in Oxfordshire."

Steering groups were set up across the six areas of the county to investigate the main issues affecting customers, concluding which branches should focus on which issues.

Central Oxford stores will channel

their efforts into tackling poverty and environmental issues, achieved through a food bank drive and taking steps to improve carbon footprint.

Branches in Kidlington will focus on developing young people and provide support for charities that help people living with young-onset dementia.

Developing younger generations is an ambition mirrored by branches in Chipping Norton, which has also announced a commitment to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Those in Vale of White Horse will help elderly people and the local environment, which will involve trying to protect the district's green spaces.

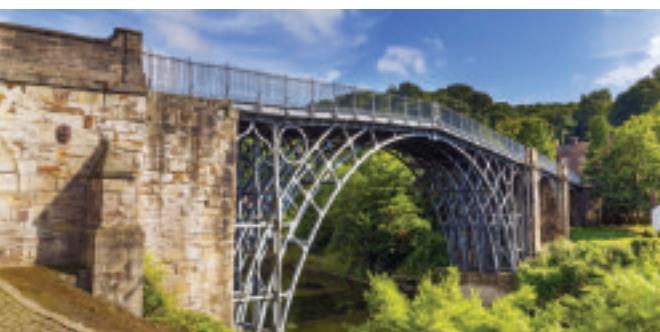
Both Banbury and Bicester hope to tackle loneliness and mental health problems.

The causes will be supported by rallying behind local charities, providing work experience placements and employment for people who are homeless, living in poverty or who are suffering from mental health problems.

## Community efforts achieved by Oxfordshire branches of The Midcounties Co-operative to date

- Volunteered 3,806 hours for charity
- Supported 10 local suppliers
- Engaged 3,720 young people through 12 school partnerships
- Created nine work experience and apprenticeship placements
- Distributed £79,000 through community grants
- Donated 17,000 products donated to local food banks
- Diverted 198 tonnes of waste from landfill
- Saved 198 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2016

## Banbury Cake



## Strawberry Fields, Penny Lane & the Cavern Club

**Take a trip back to the heady days of the Fab Four  
3 days from £185.00, 15 & 22 September 2017**

Enjoy a nostalgia-packed Beatles Coach Tour of the places where the history of popular music was changed forever, see inside the Cavern Club and journey on the legendary "Ferry 'cross the Mersey".

### Highlights & inclusions

- A 'Beatles Coach Tour' and entrance to the Cavern Club
- Leisure time in Liverpool
- A journey on the "Ferry 'cross the Mersey"
- Two nights' dinner, bed and English breakfast accommodation at a hotel

- breakfast accommodation at a three-star standard hotel in the North West area
- Coach travel from the local area
- Escorted by a friendly tour manager

## Ludlow, Shrewsbury & Secrets of Shropshire

**Medieval treasures and scenic wonders!  
3 days from £169.00, 1 September 2017**

Explore three wonderful and varied towns and discover the unspoilt, breathtaking beauty of Shropshire with its varied and lovely landscapes of hills, rolling farmland and river valleys dotted with sleepy black-and-white timbered towns and villages.

### Highlights & inclusions

- Time to explore Bridgnorth, Ludlow and Shrewsbury
- A visit to the Ironbridge Gorge
- Two nights' dinner, bed and English breakfast accommodation at a hotel in the West Midlands area
- Coach travel from the local area
- Escorted by a friendly tour manager

**Newmarket Holidays**



**Convenient local coach pick-up points!**



Call 0330 160 7730

QUOTE  
OXS

Visit [newmarketholidays.co.uk/oxs](http://newmarketholidays.co.uk/oxs)

These holidays are organised & operated by Newmarket Holidays Ltd. ABTA V7812. Subject to availability. Single supplements apply. Standard phone charges.

ABTA  
Travel with confidence

## Broadband for rural properties

THE roll-out of high-speed internet is set to spread to another 3,000 rural homes.

A £4 million boost for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme, led by BT and Oxfordshire County Council, will benefit six more communities near Wantage and Banbury.

Ardington, Barford St John, East Hendred, Lockinge, Lyford and Swalcliffe have been announced as the newest areas next to be wired up to a high-speed connection – hopefully by the end of the year.

County councillor David Bartholomew, whose portfolio includes responsibility for broadband, said: "We are continuing to look for cost-effective ways to reach the final four per cent of county premises not yet able to access this important service."

Another £600,000 has been announced for a new scheme that will allow the council to co-fund installation where communities are willing to share some of the work.

Mr Bartholomew added: "We hope our co-funding initiative will play an important part in helping Oxfordshire to have the best access to digital services, even in the very rural areas. We've already had interest from several small eligible communities."

Matt Hancock, the Government's Minister of State for Digital, said the investment announcement was 'fantastic news' for residents.

## Help to inspire love of reading

BOOKWORMS of all ages are being called on to inspire a love of reading in children, parents and carers at Oxfordshire's libraries.

Volunteers are being sought to help run the summer reading challenge at venues across the county, in which youngsters sign up and read six books of their choice over the course of the holidays.

Libraries are in need of extra help to promote the scheme, with volunteers talking to families about how it works, registering children, handing out prizes and helping with activities and craft sessions.

Anyone aged 13 or over can apply. For more information or to apply visit [tinyurl.com/y8kecl2z](http://tinyurl.com/y8kecl2z)

# Man jailed for carrying an 8-inch hunting knife

**William Walker**

will.walker@nqo.com

A MAN has been jailed for carrying an eight-inch hunting knife hidden in a shopping bag and just metres away from a town centre.

Gregory Snell, of Wensum Crescent, Bicester, was caught with the weapon hidden inside a bag by a police officer at Tramway Road, Banbury.

When he was stopped by officers, sometime after midnight on December 28, the 39-year old had initially denied owning the blade, claiming he had found it and wanted to 'mitigate any danger to passers-by' by claiming it for himself.

In a second interview he then changed his story further and told officers that his friend, Paddy, who he was with at

## Celebrity boost for dog charity



Sarah Stirk with one of the puppies at Dogs for Good

A NEW celebrity ambassador has joined the Dogs for Good team to promote the Banbury charity's work training life-changing assistance dogs.

Sky Golf presenter Sarah Stirk, who has a pet Labrador called Mia, signed up to promote the charity's work following its 2016 Christmas appeal in *The Times*.

She said: "It was incredibly inspiring to read how through a special bond with a dog, people who are facing enormous

challenges in their day to day lives are now more independent and able to do things that had previously seemed to be impossible.

"I am really looking forward to being able to offer my support in the future."

Dogs for Good trains assistance dogs and community dogs to transform the lives of children and adults with disabilities and autism.

In the future Ms Stirk will help

with a number of events, including fundraisers and the charity's 30th anniversary celebrations in 2018.

Dogs for Good director of marketing Lucy Vincent said: "We're thrilled that Sarah's going to lend her support by being an ambassador for Dogs for Good."

"Sadly we can't help everyone who needs us. Support like Sarah's is vital in helping more people to know about what we do and lending further support."

See [bbwt.org.uk](http://bbwt.org.uk) for full details.

## Police & crime plans unveiled

THE Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley has pledged to protect the public from terrorism and help more vulnerable people.

PCC Anthony Stansfeld said recent attacks in Manchester and London served as a reminder that police forces need to be equipped to deal with the terrorist threat.

Discussing his police and crime plan, which will be in effect until 2021, Mr Stansfeld outlined five priorities: vulnerability, prevention and early intervention, reducing reoffending, serious organised crime and terrorism, and police judgement and reform.

Mr Stansfeld said the Thames Valley, much like the nation, had seen a rise in crime including burglary and sexual offences.

He continued: "We have also seen a rise in the incidence of more complex offences, such as fraud and cyber enabled crimes, along with exploitation crimes against the most vulnerable members of our communities.

He added: "My new police and crime plan brings clarity and strategic direction to enable the chief constable and partners to focus on these issues in the best way possible."

For more information on Mr Stansfeld's plan visit [thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk](http://thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk)

## Chance to be a wildlife trainee

CONSERVATION volunteers are wanted to help at reserves across Oxfordshire.

The Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust has openings for two volunteer wildlife trainees to join its team.

The appointed trainees, based out of Oxford, will gain experience working on a wide variety of habitats across more than 25 county reserves, from the limestone grasslands on the edge of the Cotswolds and the floodplain meadows of the Thames to the boggy fens around Oxford and mature beech woodlands and chalk grassland of the Chilterns.

The role involves practical conservation work, restoring and improving habitats for wildlife.

Trainees will help to look after the livestock, repair and install site infrastructure, work with power tools and machinery, carry out species surveys, vegetation management, and work with and lead volunteers.

See [bbwt.org.uk](http://bbwt.org.uk) for full details.



**Bicester Wills & Probate**



Gail and Ann offer a friendly estate planning service



- Standard Single Will - £199
- Standard Mirror Wills - £299
- Lasting Power of Attorney
- Property & Financial Affairs - £325
- Lasting Power of Attorney
- Health & Welfare - £325
- Both Lasting Powers of Attorney - £500
- Probate Assistance from - £1,200

Come in and see us

10 Crown Walk, Bicester, OX26 6HY

or phone us on 01869 226760

[gail@bicesterwills.co.uk](mailto:gail@bicesterwills.co.uk) [ann@bicesterwills.co.uk](mailto:ann@bicesterwills.co.uk)

[www.bicesterwills.co.uk](http://www.bicesterwills.co.uk)



When you book a removals service from Gentlevan Removals, you can sit back and relax knowing that the experts will take care of everything for you!

## Your local removals company

GENTLEVAN REMOVALS have helped lots of happy customers over the years  
- and we'd love to help you too!

### We offer:

- ▲ Local and national removals
- ▲ Free no obligation surveys and quotations
- ▲ Fully trained staff
- ▲ Piano removal - we're the specialists!
- ▲ Office removals
- ▲ Container storage
- ▲ Professional packing service
- ▲ Export wrapping
- ▲ Over 5 years experience

We provide a comprehensive removals service for our customers, where all of your personal items will be treated with the upmost care - Just as If they were our own!

Call or send a text to: 07861930529 Call the office: 01295 368198

Email: [info@gentlevanremovals.co.uk](mailto:info@gentlevanremovals.co.uk)

Website: [www.gentlevanremovals.co.uk](http://www.gentlevanremovals.co.uk)

*We look forward to hearing from you!*

“

L. Reid, Milton Keynes  
**Chameleon office move**

Great experience. Nothing was too much trouble. Professional but chatty and friendly. Would definitely use again if I needed moving .... commercial or residential ...! Nice guys



# Economy 'strong' post-EU vote

ONE year on from the momentous vote to leave the European Union, business leaders, politicians and members of the public give their views on Brexit. **ANDREW FFRENCH** reports

OXFORDSHIRE'S economy remains strong and is growing one year on from the vote for Britain to leave the European Union, according to one of the county's top business leaders.

Nigel Tipple, chief executive of Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP), said despite concerns over Brexit and a surprise General Election result, Oxfordshire's economy remained resilient.

The business leader said despite the Conservatives failing to secure an overall majority in the General Election, coupled with the start of Brexit negotiations, the county's economic outlook remained a positive one.

Citing a continued growth in new jobs for Oxfordshire – as well as many new businesses being launched – Mr Tipple said the county's economy remains one of the 'most agile' in the UK.

But after Brexit negotiations got under way he urged the Government to provide clarity on freedom of movement across borders for



people, goods and services. Mr Tipple said: "In Oxfordshire we have continued to grow our economy dynamically, with the creation of 45,000 new jobs over the past five years.

"This represents more than 50 per cent of our 2031 target of 85,600 new jobs and, perhaps more importantly, provides our businesses with the capacity to rise to the challenge of

a post-Brexit economy. In addition to this we have also seen the number of VAT-registered businesses in the county go up by 8.5 per cent between 2014 and 2016."

The lack of clarity at this stage of the Brexit negotiations on freedom of movement of people between the UK and the rest of the EU has also caused concern in the NHS, even though Prime Minister Theresa

May has conceded this is likely to continue after the two-year negotiation concludes in 2019.

Mr Tipple admitted it was a 'challenging time' for recruitment at Oxfordshire's hospitals and earlier this year the Liberal Democrats claimed more than 750 European people working in the National Health Service in Oxfordshire could leave their jobs because of Brexit.

They said this would create a bill of more than £4.7m to hire replacement doctors and nurses following a 'damaging exodus'.

The figures were based on research by Channel 4 programme *Dispatches*, which found 42 per cent of NHS staff were considering leaving in the next five years due to Brexit.

The Lib Dems called for the Government to guarantee European Union nationals could stay in Britain after it quits the EU.

There are also concerns over freedom of movement for workers in the farming community.

Mr Tipple indicated there were positive signs that some businesses were not waiting for Brexit negotiations to be completed.

He said: "Some companies are getting on with the job and taking advantage of the weakening of sterling to trade across global markets including China."

Richard Venables, of Kidlington-based commercial property consultants VSL, was at Venturefest Oxford on Wednesday, where entrepreneurs and start-up companies pitched for funding.

He said: "I am very excited about the whole innovation economy in Oxfordshire.

"We have a growing housing economy and Westgate and other initiatives are bringing a huge amount of funding into the region.

"We have a lot of businesses that are emerging in the city centre and unicorns (firms valued at more than \$1 billion)."

Residential | Nursing | Dementia | Permanent | Short Stay

## We're looking 'Good' in Chipping Norton.

Caring Homes' reputation for providing great care over the last 23 years goes without saying.

Part of the Caring Homes Group, Tall Trees Nursing Home is proud to announce our 'Good' rating in all categories by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Come and see our home and the reasons why for yourself.

**0808 223 5401**

info@caringhomes.org

www.caringhomes.org/talltrees

Tall Trees, Burford Road, Shipton under Wychwood, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 6DB



**TALL TREES**

by Caring Homes

# PICK YOUR OWN NOW OPEN

OPEN  
7 DAYS A WEEK

Pick Your Own fruit is where it all began for Millets Farm over 40 years ago, now we have over 55 acres of PYO crops to pick throughout the summer!

 Kingston Rd, Nr Abingdon, OX13 5HB  
01865 391555 [milletsfarmcentre.com](http://milletsfarmcentre.com)

**Millets**  
FARM CENTRE 

## CakeLeisure

[banburycake.co.uk/leisure](http://banburycake.co.uk/leisure)

# Crime caper strikes chord

### BABY DRIVER (15, 113 mins)

Action/Comedy/Drama/Romance. Ansel Elgort, Kevin Spacey, Lily James, Jon Hamm, Jamie Foxx, Eiza Gonzalez. Director: Edgar Wright. In 2003, before he licked the Three Flavours Cornetto trilogy of *Shaun Of The Dead*, *Hot Fuzz* and *The World's End*, director Edgar Wright staged a comical bank robbery in the music video for techno duo Mint Royale's catchy *Blue Song*. The Dorset-born filmmaker expands on that simple premise in *Baby Driver*, a high-octane crime caper which gleefully burns rubber to a toe-tapping soundtrack.

The stellar ensemble cast wore tiny ear-pieces on set so they could perfectly synchronise their characters' dialogue and movements to the rhythm and harmonies of The Beach Boys, Dave Brubeck, T.Rex, Martha And The Vandellas, Blur, Queen and Simon And Garfunkel. It's a daring stylistic conceit that runs the risk of leaving audiences choking on the exhaust fumes of Wright's bold ambition.

Thankfully, the writer-director packs plenty of substance beneath the bonnet of his well-oiled machine, opening with a dizzying flourish set to Bellbottoms by Jon Spencer Blues Explosion. Expertly staged car chases get the adrenaline pumping like Nicolas Refn Winding's thriller *Drive*, which put Ryan Gosling behind the wheel. Here, 23-year-old rising star Ansel Elgort, who broke teenage hearts in *The Fault In Our Stars*, comes of age with aplomb as the eponymous speed demon.

He plays Baby, who has suffered tinnitus since the age of seven when he was involved in a horrific car accident that killed his parents. In order to drown out the ringing in one ear, he listens to music at a deafening volume, which allows Baby to focus on his duties as a getaway driver for criminal mastermind Doc (Kevin Spacey).

Each daredevil heist pays off a fraction of the dues that Baby owes Doc.

For his final drive, Baby must assist Buddy (Jon Hamm), his fiery girlfriend Darling (Eiza Gonzalez) and trigger-happy rebel Bats (Jamie Foxx) to pilfer millions of dollars in money order slips.

As the plan takes shape, Baby kin-

dles romance with a diner waitress called Debora (Lily James), who is desperate to leave town.

"In this job, the moment you catch feelings is the moment you catch a bullet," warns Bats.

Baby's cut from the robbery should allow him to chauffeur Debora to that brighter future, presuming Doc's plan doesn't go awry at the last minute... *Baby Driver* is a bombastic blast, with at least one explosion of shocking violence that hammers home the perilously high stakes for Doc and his crew. Hamm and Gonzalez catalyse smouldering screen chemistry while Foxx savours his role as a live wire, and Spacey oozes menace as the Mr Big, who pithy describes one team member as "the Asian in home invasion". A frenetic final act almost runs out of gas but Wright's verve and Elgort's endearing lead performance carry the picture past the chequered flag.

**Rating: 7.5/10**

### DESPICABLE ME 3 (U, 90 mins)

Animation/Comedy/Action/Romance. Featuring the voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker, Miranda Cosgrove, Dana Gaier, Nev Scharrel, Julie Andrews, Jenny Slate. Directors: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda, Eric Guillon. The lacklustre Minions spin-off, released in 2015, issued a clear warning shot about the consequences of milking a cash cow dry.

Evidently, no-one was listening because the Illumination Entertainment box office bovine is desiccated by the conclusion of this third instalment of the computer-animated series.

Co-directed by Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda and Eric Guillon, *Despicable Me 3* is a pick 'n' mix of half-formed ideas, crudely stitched together with flimsy subplots that lack any forward momentum.

The third chapter relies heavily on the googly-eyed yellow sidekicks

and there are fleeting giggles involving the stooges and their high-pitched lingo of Esperanto meets gobbledegook.

Human protagonists are a drab bunch by comparison, even with the introduction of a long lost twin brother for lead character Gru and a new arch villain, who is stuck in

a 1980s time warp, necessitating a soundtrack laden with bygone gems including *Take On Me*, *99 Red Balloons* and *Into The Groove*. Imagination is desperately lacking. The animators take a sly dig at rivals Disney Pixar with a throwaway scene of two Minions mowing down unsuspecting clownfish (a la Nemo and his worrywart father) in their underwater craft. Ironically, it's *Despicable Me 3* that sinks.

Gru (voiced by Steve Carell) and wife Lucy (Kristen Wiig) are fired from the Anti-Villain League (AVL) by new head honcho Valeria Da Vinci (Jenny Slate). The couple shares the bad news with adopted daughters Margo (Miranda Cosgrove), Edith (Dana Gaier) and Agnes (Nev Scharrel). Dr Nefarious (Russell Brand) has accidentally frozen himself in carbonite and the Minions stage a revolt and abandon Gru in search of a Machiavellian master worthy of their talents.

In the midst of this upheaval, Gru discovers the family history spun by his bespectacled mother Marlena (Julie Andrews) is a fabrication. "You told me Dad died of disappointment when I was born," gasps Gru as he learns about a twin brother called Dru (Carell again), who was spirited away by the old man following an acrimonious divorce.

The siblings reunite and Gru discovers his father was a criminal mastermind known as "The Bald Terror". Dru implores Gru to teach him the finer points of villainy so he can assume his rightful place at the head of the family business.

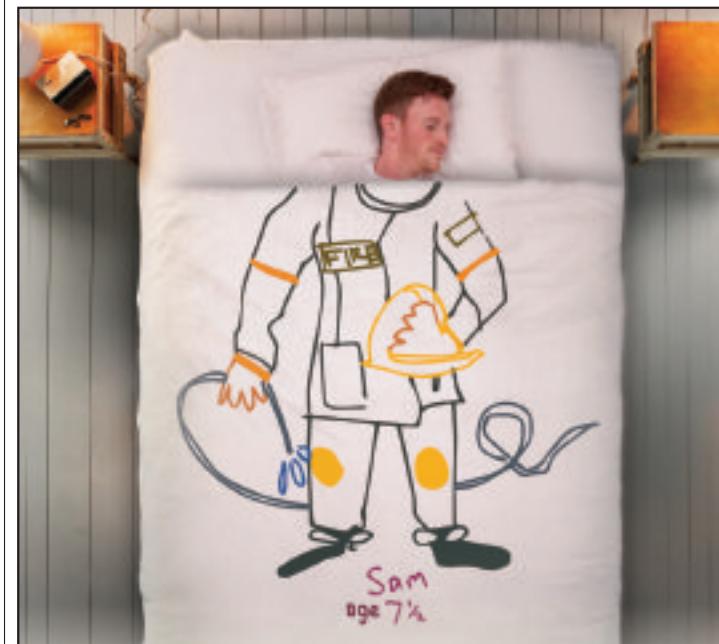
Brotherly bonding coincides with the rise of former child star turned master thief Balthazar Bratt (Trey Parker), who is poised to unleash a giant laser-blasting robot on his detractors in Hollywood.

*Despicable Me 3* stretches our affection for Gru, Lucy and their dysfunctional clan past breaking point. Solid vocal performances can't energise a faltering script and narrative detours involving Agnes' search for a real life unicorn and Margo's acceptance of Lucy as her mother don't merit the screen time. Visuals are slick and colourful, but beneath the wrapping what we're left with, sadly, is *Despicable Meh*.

**Rating: 5/10**



Baby (Ansel Elgort, front right), Bats (Jamie Foxx, front left), JD (Lanny Joon, back right), Eddie (Flea Balzary, back left) wait in the car in TriStar Pictures' *Baby Driver*



## Up and at 'em

The job you always dreamed of as a child could be a reality. Rather than wishing you were somewhere else, go grab it and start looking forward to Monday mornings.

Search the latest jobs in Oxfordshire at [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com)

**ox1 jobs.com**  
The new home for jobs in Oxfordshire

## Cake Bookworm

**Greatest Hits** by Laura Barnett is published by W&N, priced £12.99 (ebook £6.99).

**Greatest Hits**, the follow-up to journalist Laura Barnett's acclaimed debut novel *The Versions Of Us*, is a deftly woven tale of love, life and loss. As she launches a new album after a three-decade hiatus, acclaimed singer-songwriter Cass Wheeler looks back on her career and her life. After childhood abandonment by her mother and teenage wayward years, Cass finds her voice through music - a precocious talent catapulted onto the stage like a British Joan Baez. As the older, reclusive Cass sits down to listen to the 16 songs she has selected to be her 'greatest hits', she takes a journey back through the past - a journey of introspection and reflection, as the songs she

listens to - her songs, whose lyrics we read - trigger memories both sweet and painful, of sunny days and of shattering pain, of glittering success and deadening failure. As the records play, Cass' past unravels before the reader, taking in love affairs and family dynamics and revealing the tragic reason for her withdrawal from the spotlight. A moving read with a complex female protagonist, which entrances the reader from beginning to end.

**9/10**

**The Sunshine Sisters** by Jane Green is published in hardback by Macmillan, priced £14.99 (ebook £7.59).

Best-selling author Jane Green returns to form with the life-affirming *The Sunshine Sisters*. Set very much in the now, but starting 30 years previously, *The Sunshine*

*Sisters* is the story of beautiful and charismatic B-movie actress Ronni's three daughters. Not the best mother in the world, self-absorbed and disinterested, Ronnie wasn't the mother she wanted to be. Nell, Meredith and Lizzy have been left to their own devices, estranged from their Ronni - and each other - until in adulthood they are all summoned home. Ronni is ill. Not her usual 'headache', but she has motor neurone disease and is at the end of her life. Can this fractured family forgive their past and heal? Can the sisters get past the hurt and misunderstanding and find their feet in a new future when everything seems to be against them? This novel pulls on the heartstrings, but also feels like coming home. A perfect summer read.

**8/10**

# BANBURY HOUSE HOTEL

*Love*  
*Family...*

*Love*  
*Sundays...*

## LUNCH FOR BRUNCH!

### EVERY SUNDAY

12noon - 3pm

**Call 01295 259361**

*\*Subject to availability*

BANBURY HOUSE HOTEL

Oxford Road | Banbury | Oxfordshire | OX16 9AH

01295 259361 Email. [events@banburyhouse.co.uk](mailto:events@banburyhouse.co.uk)

[www.banburyhouse.co.uk](http://www.banburyhouse.co.uk)



# Oxfordshire Listings

## Events

### THURSDAY

#### An Evening with Abi Oliver and Eve Chase:

Mostly Books, 36 Stret Street, Abingdon. Two authors who have both written books set in the local area with a historical slant. £5, with £2 redeemable against a purchase on the night. 7pm. £5. 01235 525880.

#### Harwell Through the Camera Lens:

Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. Wantage Summer Festival Event. Talk by professional photographer Eric Jenkins. 7pm. £6 each. 01235 771447.

#### History & Nature Ride:

Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Station Approach, Station Road, Chinnor. 10am.

Adult £11, senior £10, child £6. 07979 05366.

#### National Garden Scheme:

Various locations, Wootton. Six inspirational small gardens, all with very different ways of providing a personal joy. Limited wheelchair access. Plant sale. Home-made teas. 1pm. Combined £5, children free. 01865 875022.

### FRIDAY

#### Summer Sizzle:

Witney Community Primary School, Hailey Road, Witney.

Activities for all the family including raffle, barbecue, licensed bar and charity balloon race. 3.30pm. Free. 07753 126619.

#### Wantage Country Market:

Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street,

Wantage. Wantage WI. 9.30am. Free.

01235 771447.

### SATURDAY

#### 3rd Abingdon Guides 80th Birthday:

Jubilee House, John Smith Drive, Oxford. 3pm. Free. 07866 749952.

#### Bicester Community Hospital Fete:

Bicester Community Hospital Grounds,

Piggy Lane, Bicester. 1pm. Free.

#### Branchline 1950s style:

Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Station Approach, Station Road, Chinnor. 9am.

Adult £11, senior £10, child £6. 07979 05366.

#### Charity Spinning Class:

Windrush Leisure Centre, Witton Way, Witney. In aid of Grenfell Relief. 1.30pm. Minimum donation of £5. 07388 012959.

#### Sewing Bee/Creative Crafts:

Corner House (Morris Room), Market Street, Charlbury. A special weekend of creative crafts for adults and children.

Demonstrations, pop-up studios, mini classes, exhibits. 11am. £3 including admission to museum, children free.

07596 441503.

#### Eynsham Carnival:

Playing Fields, Oxford Road, Eynsham. Acts, funfair, stalls and a craft fair along with a bar, tug of war and family friendly activities. 12pm. £5 on the door/£4 advance/£3 children and concessions. 01865 880550.

#### Glympton Country Fayre:

Glympton Playing Field. 12pm. Free. 01993811486.

#### Leafield Fete, Car Boot and Fun Dog Show:

Leafield Playing field, Lower End, Leafield. 2pm. £1. 01993 878000.

#### Milton Under Wychwood Fete:

The Green, Shipton Road, Milton under Wychwood. 2pm. 01993 831279.

#### Table top sale:

Outside the Town Hall, Market Square, Witney. All proceeds are for the work of The Royal British Legion. 8.30am. 01993 772398.

### SUNDAY

#### Bodicote Open Gardens:

White Post Road, Bodicote. Ten gardens open. 2pm.

£6. 01295 264647.

#### Carterton Open Gardens:

Start from 20 Milestone Road, Carterton. 1pm.

Donations.

#### Sewing Bee/Creative Crafts:

Corner House (Morris Room), Market Street, Charlbury. Second day of a special

weekend of creative crafts for adults and

children, inspired by the textiles in the current exhibition. 1.30pm. £3 including admission to museum, children free. 07596 441503.

#### Ewelme Watercress Beds Open Afternoon:

Watercress Centre, The Street, Ewelme. 2pm. £3 per adult, children free.

#### Free Vintage Bus Rides:

Oxford Bus Museum, Hanborough Railway Station, Long Hanborough. The museum will be open from 10.30 am until 4.30pm. Free vintage bus rides will run at 12.15pm and 2.45pm. £5 adults, £4 Concessions, £3 Children 5-16. 01993 811003.

#### National Garden Scheme:

Westwell Manor, Westwell, Burford. Seven acres surrounding old Cotswold manor house (not open). Knot garden, potager, shrub roses, herbaceous borders, topiary, earth works, moonlight garden, auricular ladder, rills and water garden. Plant sale. 2.30pm. Adult £5; children free.

#### Summer Fun Day:

Lewknor Village Hall, High Street, Lewknor.

Join us for our annual Summer Fun Day to help us raise essential funds for our Lewknor rehoming centre.

There will be our fun dog show,

a variety of stalls and vendors,

refreshments and much more. 11am.

0300 777 1500.

#### Summer Picnic:

Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham.

Help us celebrate our 35th birthday at this year's summer festival.

Party games, live music, a smoothie bike and more. 11am. £6 adult,

£3 child, £15 family. 01865 407792.

#### Walk (Fieldpaths):

Bridge above Oxford Parkway station, Bus Shelter, Oxford. SP122508 four miles. A stroll using fields and footpaths to look at the area's new landscaping. Assistance dogs only. 2pm. 07762 408072.

#### Yoga and Afternoon Tea:

The Manor, Northampton Road, Weston on the Green. Flow Yoga on The Lawn, followed by a mini Vegan Afternoon Tea on the Terrace. 2pm. £30. 01869 350621.

### MONDAY

#### Women's Self Defence and Fitness Class:

The Pavilion, Roosevelt Road, Long Hanborough. Ages from 13 upwards welcome. 8pm. £5. 07834 022463.

### TUESDAY

#### Archaeological Finds Surgery:

Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road,

Banbury. Have your archaeological finds identified and recorded by the Finds

Liason Office for Oxfordshire and West Berkshire, Anni Byard. 10am. Free.

01295 753752.

#### Mountain flowers of Chile – Dr Caroline Jackson-Houlston:

Old School Room, St Peter's Church, First Turn, Wolvercote. A travelogue presentation about the plants found in mountainous regions of Central Chile,

based on an Alpine Garden Society tour there in January 2017. Caroline Jackson-Houlston is a recently retired lecturer in English Literature from Oxford Brookes University but has a life-long interest in botany and has led several botanical trips to the Balkans. 7.45pm. £2 (ANHSO members free).

#### Tap Social Movement, 27 Curtis Industrial Estate, North Hinksey Lane, Botley:

Strike ONE and The Vincent White Band. Free. 9pm. 01865 236330.

#### The Northcourt, Northcourt Road, Abingdon:

Egypt – The Groundhogs reborn. £8 advance £10 door. 7.30pm. 01235 203203.

#### Tea Dance:

Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street, Woodstock. 2pm. £2.

01993 811473.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Witney Bytomic Taekwondo Classes:

Wood Green School, Woodstock Road, Witney. 7pm. Monthly fees apply. 01844 281888.

### Music

### THURSDAY

#### The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford:

Art Themen & Rod Hart. The Spin Jazz Club. Jazz saxophonist and pianist accompanied by The Spin Trio. 8.30pm. £10, £8 (concs), £6 (student).

To get an event of any kind listed here, enter the details into our easy-to-use online database at [thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/events](http://thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/events)

Please add your event no later than ten days before the day of publication.

#### The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford:

The Demoiselles, Tarpit, The Motive, Forays. Local bands showcase. 7pm. £7.

#### The Isis Farmhouse, Haystacks Corner, The Towing Path, Iffley Lock, Oxford:

The Formidable Vegetable Sound System, Mal Webb & Kylie Morrigan. Global experiment in 'ecological edutainment', in celebration of Barracks Lane Community Garden and Oxford City Farm. 7pm. £8.

#### O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford:

Jesse Malin. US singer-songwriter on UK tour. 7pm. £15.

#### The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford:

Low Island and Dolly Mavies. Offbeat festival. Two headliners with support from Catgod, Eloise Rees and Twin Replica. 6.30pm (headliners 9.55pm). £10.

#### Yarnton Garden Centre, Sandy Lane, Yarnton:

Oxford Classic Jazz Trio. 1-4pm. Free.

#### Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot:

Sally Barker & Brooks Williams. 7.30pm. £12-£14.

### FRIDAY

#### Banbury Cross, Butchers Row, Banbury:

Rock Formation. Rock and

pop covers. Free. 9pm. 01295 279014.

#### Carterton Social Centre, Brownes Lane, Carterton:

Dusty Rhodes Band. Carterton Country Music Club. £6. 8.30pm. 01993 850682.

#### Fat Lils, Corn Street, Witney:

The Experience Makers – formerly Richie Rich & the Rich Boys. £5. 8pm. 01993 771531.

#### Kennington Methodist Church, Upper Road, Kennington:

Gilbert and Sullivan: *The Mikado*. Kennington and District United Church Choirs will perform a concert version. Free, collection for Kennington Overseas Aid. 7.30pm. 01865 361431.

#### Marquee, Playing Field, School Road, Finstock:

Finstock Music Festival 2017. Quartermelon. Wood Green School Big Band, Alex Chapman, The Delta Grants. Free. 7pm.

#### St Mary's Church, Church Street, Charlbury:

Scaramouche Duo. An evening by International musicians, Anna Maria Rosa and Erin Lynn Williams of the Royal School of Music Manchester. £12. 8pm. 01608 810950.

#### Tap Social Movement, 27 Curtis Industrial Estate, North Hinksey Lane, Botley:

Strike ONE and The Vincent White Band. Free. 9pm. 01865 236330.

#### The Northcourt, Northcourt Road, Abingdon:

Egypt – The Groundhogs reborn. £8 advance £10 door. 7.30pm. 01235 203203.

#### Wine Vaults, Parsons Street, Banbury:

Joe Holic. Free. 9pm. 01295 261281.

#### Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre, Lamborough Hill, Wootton, Abingdon:

Waterfall, Vale Islanders, Mandolierum, La Phooka. Free. 8pm.

#### The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford:

Haula. Offbeat festival. Singer/songwriter with African roots and classical piano training. Support from Duotone and more. 6.30pm (Haula 9.55pm). £19.

### SATURDAY

#### Burford School, Cheltenham Road, Burford:

Burford Orchestra's Summer

Concert. £8 on the door, £7 in advance. 7.30pm. 01993 830559.

#### Festival Marque, Magdalen College School, Cowley Place, Oxford:

Jazz with Manouche Etcetera. £10/£8/£2. 9.30pm. 01865 253505.

#### St Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford:

St Giles Orchestra concert. Dukas: Fanfare La Peri. £10 adults, £9 Concessions, under 18s free. 7.30pm. 01869 346269.

#### St Mary's Church, Horse Fair, Banbury:

Last Night of the Proms and Elgar's Cello Concerto. Banbury Symphony Orchestra. £10 for adults, 18's and under are free. 7.30pm. 07912 888263.

#### St Peter and St Paul Church, Church Street, Deddington:

Vivaldi Gloria. £12.50; Under 16s £5. 7.30pm. 07721 204734.

#### Tap Social Movement, 27 Curtis Industrial Estate, North Hinksey Lane, Botley:

Jukesters. Free. 9pm. 01865 236330.

#### Fusion Arts, East Oxford Community Centre, Princes Street, Oxford:

The Cooling Pearls. Birds Of Hell, Protection Spells. Folk-pop & acoustic. 8pm. Donations.

#### The Six Bells, 3 Beaumont Road, Headington:

Pete Fryer Band. Local blues-rock legend. 9pm. Free.

### SUNDAY

#### Rose And Crown, 14 North Parade Avenue, Oxford:

Fiddlebop. Jazz. 7pm-9pm. Free.

### MONDAY

#### Rose Revived, Newbridge, Witney:

Alvin Roy's Reeds Unlimited. Jazz. 7.30pm. Free.

#### The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford:

Joe Hicks, Georgia Michel. Singer-songwriter promoting debut EP. 7.30pm. £7 (adv), £10 (otd).

#### The Butchers Arms, 5 Wilberforce Street, Oxford:

Time is of the Essence. Jazz quartet. 8.45pm. Free.

### TUESDAY

#### The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford:

Oxford Improvisers. New and improvised music. £9/£6. 7.45pm. 01865 263990.

#### The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford:

Funerals, Wren, Indica Blues. Hard rock. 7pm. £7. Free.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Magdalen College Chapel, High Street, Oxford:

Three Parts Vied. A collective of instrumentalists and singers with particular interest in the music of the seventeenth century, drawn from conservatoires, colleges and cathedrals. Conservatoires, colleges and cathedrals. 8.30pm. £10/£8/£2. 9pm. 01865 253505.

### Theatre

#### Burton Taylor Studio, Beaumont Street, Oxford:

*Jun 29, Merci and Tybalt.* 7pm. £15. Jun 30, *John Robins & Ivo Graham Edinburgh Preview (Work in Progress).* 8pm. £10. Jul 1, *Family Theatre: Sarah & Duck's Big Top Birthday Live!* 1pm and 4pm. £12 per ticket, £44 Family Ticket (Admits four). 01235 763456.

#### Chipping Norton Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:

*Jul 1, Dial Medicine for Murder.* 7.45pm. £16. 01608 642350.

#### Cogges Manor Farm, Church Lane, Witney:

*As You Like It.* HandleBards' all-female troupe. 7.30pm. £14 adults/children under 16 £9.50. 01993 703056.

#### The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury:

*Jun 30, Work in Progress.* 8pm. £12. 01295 279002.

#### Wykham Theatre, Banbury Academy, Ruskin Road, Banbury:

*Jun 29-Jul 1, Jack and the Beanstalk – A Musical Pantomime.* See AvocetTheatre.co.uk. 7.30pm. £8 adults, £6 concessions, £25 family ticket.

Monkhouse, Mike Newall and Michael Fabbri. Glee comedy. 7.45pm. £15.95. 01865 810000.

#### The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford:

*Jun 29, The Deep*

# CakeSport

[banburycake.co.uk/sport](http://banburycake.co.uk/sport)

## Hill delivers for Banbury

Spinner shines as Sabin's side claim win

CHARLIE Hill took five wickets to lead Banbury to a three-wicket success at home to High Wycombe in Division 1.

The spinner captured 52-20 in 12.4 overs as the home side were dismissed for 156 in their final over in the Home Counties Premier League encounter.

Earlier, Ajaz Chema, Brad Taylor and Ollie Wright had tied down the Wycombe top-order.

From 116-3, Banbury faltered in sight of victory but an unbeaten 76 from skipper Lloyd Sabin, who

### CRICKET

hit nine fours, saw them home in the 50th over.

#### HIGH WYCOMBE

E Casterton b Cheema.....	1	L Sabin not out.....	76
G Baker c Sabin b Cheema.....	18	C Hill c Russell b Hampton.....	13
P Castleden c Haupt b Wright.....	11	E Phillips run out.....	14
N Hawkes b Hill.....	9	W Hawtin b Haddow.....	0
K Anjajia taylor b Wright.....	10	J Messon lbw Haddow.....	0
G Russell c Sabin b Hill.....	41	O Wright c Casterton b Dobb.....	10
C Parsons c Hawtin b Taylor.....	26	B Taylor not out.....	8
H Hawdon c Hawtin b Hill.....	9	Extras.....	3
A Dobbs not out.....	11	Total (7 wkts, 49.5 ovs).....	157
T Hampton b Hill.....	0	Fall: 1-10, 2-52, 3-79, 4-116, 5-116, 6-116, 7-129.	
U Amjad c Phillips b Hill.....	10	Bowling: Hampton 13.5-14.1, Parsons 7.0-32.1,	
Extras.....	10	Dobb 20.2-24.7, Anjajia 4.0-11.0, Amjad 2.0-13.0,	
Total (all out, 63.4 ovs).....	156	Haddow 3.1-9.2.	

Fall: 1-10, 2-25, 3-33, 4-47, 5-55, 6-102, 7-132, 8-133, 9-133.

Bowling: Cheema 17.4-25.2, Taylor 11.1-29.1, Wright 13.1-37.2, Hill 12.4-20.5, Sabin 10.2-28.0.

#### BANBURY

C Haupt c Casterton b Dobb.....	32	L Sabin not out.....	76
J Wilkins b Parsons.....	1	Extras.....	3

\*record includes tie



Spinner Charlie Hill took five wickets to help Banbury beat High Wycombe in Division 1

Magnussen's pleased with points finish

### MOTORSPORT

KEVIN Magnussen cut a happy figure after finishing seventh in a dramatic Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

The Dane, who drives for Banbury-based Haas, recorded his best result of the season and for more than a year.

A red flag after 22 laps effectively gifted both Magnussen and teammate Romain Grosjean, who was 13th, a free pit stop after working their way into the top ten.

Neither driver would need to stop again and the Danish driver took full advantage of his fresh tyres and moved up to third following a number of overtakes and a clash between Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel.

Magnussen held on to a podium place until lap 38 when he slipped back and had to settle for seventh.

He said: "To come away with a seventh-place finish is pretty good. We were in P3 at one point and I got a bit excited about that."

## STARS with Claire Petulengro

Service provided by IMS Leeds LS1 8LB. Calls cost 60p per minute at all times



### ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

I can see that there continues to be an air of tiredness. This is due to the many stresses which both your work and your relationships have brought into your life of late. Throughout the week you are given the chance to find your feet to get things moving. Don't be a fool, but make sure you take full advantage. Ring now to hear why it's worth turning up early for events.

**0906 585 4360**

### LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Try not to emotionally blackmail those you love into what you want. Try to reach a happy middle ground. What you don't realise yet, but you will by the end of the week, is that a compromise is the answer to ensuring both sides are happy. News of a marriage or engagement gives you much food for thought. Ring now so we can talk new dreams and aspirations.

**0906 585 4366**

### TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

Ideas you have at this time are not always for a really successful future. Mars is on your side to make quick and sudden changes. You would be wise to heed the age old saying that if you think you can, you will and if you think you can't, you won't. Follow Tauraeans help you to make a better atmosphere in the home. Ring now so we can talk about those mixed emotions in love.

**0906 585 4361**

### GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Please make sure that any news or information that comes your way is not shared with others just yet. Especially if this is about other's lives and not your own. Travel is well starred and can help you to make your career a better place to be. Work and play mix well and you start to see that you can find balance. You just had to make time for you. Ring now so I can help you to get your priorities in order.

**0906 585 4362**

### CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

If you believe you could succeed this week, then you will Cancer. Try to act as if you are wearing an invisible crown. I know you thought you weren't good enough for the dreams you were pursuing but, truth be told, you are more ready for what lies ahead. Hear from our past want to come back into your life. Hear them out first. Ring now for an important message from Mercury.

**0906 585 4363**

### LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

Are you following your dreams or the advice and plans of others? Only you can answer this question honestly my friend. This weekend is a great time for first dates and for reconciliations. A slow pace with your work on Monday and Tuesday can help you regain the respect of those you fell out with. Ring now so we can talk about making dreams a reality.

**0906 585 4364**

### VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

The word commitment may seem as if it holds a different meaning this week. Why don't you give yourself a little more time to look at the bigger picture. It would be worth your while stepping back and letting go of the need to change. The written word is important and emails and texts must be replied to carefully. Your finances and your reputation could depend on it. Ring now to hear why it's worth showing family some extra time and support this month.

**0906 585 4365**

### SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

You think your future is not in your hands, but you are wrong. You hold the power to make any dream into a reality. You just have to start believing in yourself a little more. Venus helps you to better understand what you want from your future, but this could see many of your sign making major life changes. Ring now so I can show you what new dreams are waiting.

**0906 585 4367**

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

Don't be afraid to ask questions this week. It will be all too easy for you to allow others to take the lead and to tell you what to do. However, I know that you have to ask questions in order to find out what is and is not possible. Don't cancel arrangements as someone you want to meet is going to be at a large group event. Ring now to make life great again.

**0906 585 4368**

### CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

What can you do to make your life more successful? Do your best my friend, until you know you can do better. Sometimes you really are your own worst taskmaster. The written word is important and emails and texts must be replied to carefully. Your finances and your reputation could depend on it. Ring now to hear why it's worth showing family some extra time and support this month.

**0906 585 4369**

### AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

A challenging mood could see you saying the opposite of what others want to hear. Try to think about what you say and realise how far too far to go. Mars could be casting you in more of an aggressive mood than you realise. A new flirtation has all the makings of something really special. Ring now to hear how travel is well starred and why 2017 could be your most life changing year yet.

**0906 585 4370**

### PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

Being different is what makes life so interesting. Don't try to what others think they want to hear but work instead on putting your point across in a calm and amiable way. You still work as a team while being the odd one out. You don't get harmony when everyone sings the same note, do you Pisces? Ring now to hear why it's imperative you don't repeat other's secrets this week.

**0906 585 4371**

## BanburyCake

### Reader Offer

### Newmarket Holidays

Discover the ever-changing wonder of cruising

Columbus

Magellan

Marco Polo

Astoria

## Festive Getaway Cruise

4 days from £419 Sailing from Tilbury on board Columbus, 18 December 2017

Enjoy the most wonderful pre-Christmas treat as you step aboard glittering Columbus to enjoy three nights of sumptuous dining, memorable entertainment and the chance to party the night away, and calls at two wonderful festive cities brimming with excitement.

#### Cruise highlights

- ✓ The Dutch capital Amsterdam is a city of canals and cobblestones
- ✓ Visit delightful Bruges from Zeebrugge
- ✓ Traditional British & International

cuisine, stylish entertainment, guest lecturers and on-board leisure facilities

✓ Three nights' full board accommodation on board Columbus  
\*Book by 1 Jul 2017. Offer subject to availability & may be withdrawn at any time.

Call 0330 160 7730

QUOTE  
OXS

Visit [www.newmarket.travel/oxs19718](http://www.newmarket.travel/oxs19718)

Prices above are per person for the lowest available cabin type. A selection of cabin types is available at an additional charge. Cabin types are extremely limited & may be withdrawn without notice. Newmarket Holidays Ltd. ABTA V7812. Single supplements apply. Standard phone charges. Fares exclude gratuities.



# PROPERTY



Darren and Lisa Brain with daughter Aimee, left, and some of the properties available on the Banbury Rise scheme, above

## Upsizing to fit in your boomerang children

Gill Oliver  
gill.oliver@nqo.com

A FAMILY has moved into a bigger home, as a result of joining the boomerang generation.

Darren and Lisa Brain swapped their three-bedroom home in Banbury for a four-bedroom detached one just down the road at the town's new Banbury Rise development.

The couple's 21-year-old daughter,

Aimee, who has just finished university, will be moving back in with them.

And Aimee's partner will also be joining the household, so they needed more space.

Operations director Darren, 46, said: "It was obvious that we needed a bigger home to accommodate the four of us."

He added: "The layout of the house is exactly what we wanted and it offers the type of living we were after, with its large, open-plan

kitchen, generously-sized rooms and plenty of natural lighting coming in."

"Our favourite room in the house is the open-plan kitchen/dining area, because it is a great social point for the whole family. But there is a really good flow across the entire house."

The couple made a deliberate decision to stay in Banbury, as Mr Brain explained: "We know Banbury very well, having lived here for quite some time, and we

like it because it offers the very best of both worlds; perfect transport links and an idyllic market town setting.

"The development is positioned perfectly, providing picturesque countryside views, peaceful country walks and cycle routes on our doorstep and still close to the town centre."

He added: "The location is so convenient to both our workplaces and provides excellent transport links."

"A special mention must go to the site manager, Richard, who was fantastic in getting everything perfectly organised prior to moving and who was extremely efficient in resolving any issues."

"Banbury Rise is a wonderful development."

A range of four-bedroom homes and three-bedroom properties are priced £306,000 to £350,000.

For more information, call Bloor Homes on 01295297591 or visit [bloorhomes.com](http://bloorhomes.com)

To advertise in the Banbury cake call Andrew Stevens on  
**01865425281**  
Also see our website [www.banburycake.co.uk](http://www.banburycake.co.uk)



# MARTIN & CO

Letting • Sales • Investment



### Why are so many people moving in with Martin & Co?

Is it the huge choice of properties, expert local knowledge, or hassle free service?

At MARTIN & CO we believe it's because we always go the extra mile.

Maybe that's why so many people are moving in with us, and why we're the UK's No 1.

### Here are a few more reasons to move in with Martin & Co:

We'll help you find a property to suit your needs and budget.  
We'll ensure the 'move in/move out' process is quick and easy.

We'll arrange viewing times to suit you, not us.

We'll always make sure our properties are in good condition.

We'll deal with the landlord so you don't have to.

We'll take care of all the legal stuff.

### We'll find the right property for you.

Contact us on 01295 701773 today.

**Call us today to discuss your property.  
01295 701773**





Letting • Sales • Investment

**Martin & Co's prominent accessible office provides us with more applicants than before!**

**Come check out our large window display  
and find your perfect property.**

**Call today on 01295 701773**





# MARTIN&CO SALES

Lettings • Sales • Investment



## Bedford Close

Martin & Co Banbury are pleased to present this excellent one bedroom house situated in a fantastic location within Banbury. This would make an ideal investment or the perfect first time home.

Asking Price Of £150,000



£182,500

## Peoples Place

A large two bedroom apartment with allocated parking. Entrance hall open plan kitchen and living room. The property benefits from integrated appliances. There are two double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes. Good size bathroom with bath and shower and WC. Situated within walking distance to the town centre and train station.



£140,000 OIEO

## Northumberland Court

We are delighted to offer to the market this well presented second floor, two bedroom apartment situated in a fantastic location within Banbury. Benefiting from two bedrooms, Lounge/ diner, kitchen and family bathroom this property would make an ideal investment or first home.



£114,000

## Spencer Court

A SECOND FLOOR ONE BEDROOM RETIREMENT APARTMENT. Entrance hall. Lounge/diner. Bathroom. Kitchen. Airing cupboard. Communal laundry and all water usage. Communal gardens. Allocated parking.



£350,000



## High Acres, Banbury

An immaculate 4 bed detached property situated on the popular Cherwell Heights area of Banbury. Briefly comprising; Entrance hall, lounge, extended kitchen and dining room, downstairs cloakroom, 4 bedrooms with built in wardrobes and family bathroom. Outside benefits from ample off road parking, front and rear gardens and garage.



£350,000



## Merisham Court

A WELL PRESENTED GROUND FLOOR ONE BEDROOM RETIREMENT APARTMENT SITUATED JUST OUTSIDE OF BANBURY TOWN CENTRE. Comprises of; entrance hall, lounge/diner, bathroom, double bedroom, kitchen, airing cupboard and allocated parking for residents.

01295 701773

**Martin & Co Banbury**  
26a Castle Quay, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX16 5UN

e: [banbury@martinco.com](mailto:banbury@martinco.com)  
[www.martinco.com](http://www.martinco.com)



# MARTIN&CO

## LETTINGS

Lettings • Sales • Investment



### 2 Kings Road

Martin & Co are pleased to present this two bedroom cottage situated in the village of Bloxham. The property benefits from one double bedroom and a second smaller bedroom / office. The bathroom contains a WC and a shower. Good size kitchen and living room. Washing machine and fridge available. EPC rating C.

£775 pcm



### Enhance View

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market one bedroom spacious apartment conveniently situated in the town centre and within walking distance to the train station. The property comprises kitchen; living room; one double bedroom; bathroom with bath and shower. The property is available unfurnished.

£725 pcm



### Purston House

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market first floor two bedroom unfurnished apartment situated conveniently for the town centre and train station. The property comprises: hallway; kitchen; living room; two double bedrooms; the master bedroom has an ensuite shower. EPC rating B.

£795 pcm



### Causeway

Martin and Co Banbury are pleased to offer this two bedroom mid terraced property, with close proximity to train station and town centre. The property comprises; kitchen, lounge, bathroom, two bedrooms. There is on road parking, and a small garden to the rear of the property. Suitable for single or professional couple.

£750 pcm



### Sir Henry Jake Close

Martin & Co are delighted to offer this three bedroom semi detached house on Hanwell Fields with garage and garden. The property benefits from 2 reception rooms as well as larger than average bedrooms with fitted wardrobes.

£945 pcm



### Cricketers Fields

Martin & Co are pleased to present a selection of new two bedroom luxury apartments situated within walking distance to the train station and town centre. Available unfurnished with off road parking. Don't miss out on the chance to rent in a brand new development. Available for viewings from 27th May.

£795 pcm



### Wren Crescent

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market immaculately presented spacious three bedroom property situated on the Longford Park estate. The property comprises entrance hall; kitchen with integrated appliances; cooker; washer dryer; dishwasher; fridge freezer. Good size living room; cloakroom with WC; upstairs there are two double bedrooms and one single.

£1250 pcm



### 7 Tarragon Walk

A spacious two bedroom apartment on the Hanwell Fields estate. This property benefits from two double bedrooms and allocated parking and a garage. Fully fitted kitchen and spacious lounge. Double bedrooms. Good access for M40 links. Walking distance to the shops and schools. EPC rating: C

£850 pcm



### Hereford Way

A new to the market three bedroom spacious bungalow with good size garden; plenty of parking and a garage. Conveniently situated in Hardwick for access to the town centre; local schools and shops. EPC Rating D.

£950 pcm



### Sir Henry Jake Close

Martin & Co are delighted to offer this three bedroom semi detached house on Hanwell Fields with garage and garden. The property benefits from 2 reception rooms as well as larger than average bedrooms with fitted wardrobes. The property is conveniently situated for local schools and shops. Available unfurnished. EPC Rating C.

£945 pcm



### Room 2

Martin & Co are pleased to present a one bedroom fully furnished double room in a shared house conveniently situated within walking distance to the town centre and train station.

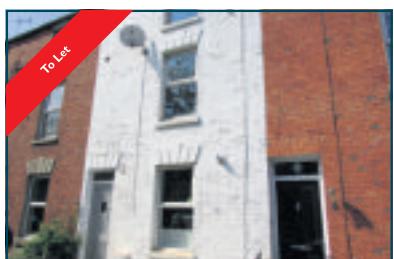
£450 pcm



### Old Parr Close

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market two bedroom ground floor property. The property comprises: kitchen; living room; bathroom and two bedrooms with fitted wardrobes. Available unfurnished. Shared garden. Walking distance to the town centre and train station.

£745 pcm



### Broughton Road

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market one bedroom room in a shared house conveniently situated within walking distance to the town centre and train station. The room benefits from a kitchenette area also. Ideal for a single professional.

£500 pcm



01295 701773

e: banbury@martinco.com  
www.martinco.com



£775 pcm



### Forsythia Walk

Martin & Co are pleased to present a spacious one bedroom property situated in Hardwick. The property comprises a separate kitchen with cooker; washer dryer and fridge freezer; living room; one double bedroom with storage cupboard; bathroom with bath and shower. The property benefits from a rear enclosed garden with shed and two allocated parking spaces.

£700 pcm

ankerandpartners.co.uk

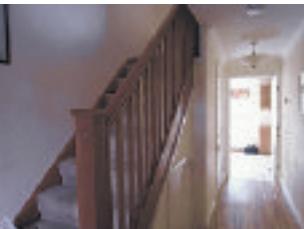
**01295 274034**

# Lettings & Management

Chartered Surveyors | Valuers | Estate Agents | Lettings and Management | Auctioneers

**Anker****BANBURY** £995 pcm

A well presented three bedroomed town house located on this popular development to the North of Banbury.  
I hallway | cloak room | kitchen/breakfast room with white goods | lounge | three double bedrooms with ensuite to master bedroom | family bathroom | enclosed rear garden | garage.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available Immediately.

**ADDERBURY** £650 pcm

A pretty one bedroomed cottage situated in this popular village to the South of Banbury.  
I lounge with open fire | kitchen with white goods | good sized double bedroom | bathroom | garden.  
Energy Rating D  
Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**BANBURY** £750 pcm

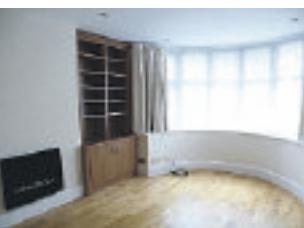
A well presented two bedroomed top floor flat located within walking distance of Banbury town centre and the railway station.  
I hallway | lounge | kitchen with integrated fridge | one double bedroom with built in wardrobe | single bedroom | bathroom | utility cupboard | garage | allocated parking space | further storage cupboard to the ground floor.  
Energy Rating D  
Part Furnished - Available 14th August 2017

**BANBURY** £650 pcm

A spacious, freshly decorated one bedroomed first floor apartment situated within walking distance of Banbury town centre.  
I stairs to first floor | hallway | open plan living room/kitchen with white goods | double bedroom with built in wardrobe | bathroom | parking.  
Energy Rating E  
Unfurnished - Available 4th August 2017

**BANBURY** £1,595 pcm

A beautifully well presented spacious four bedroomed semi detached house with a separate annexe located to the Banbury town centre.  
I hallway | lounge | dining room | fitted kitchen with integrated appliances | cloakroom | two shower rooms | three double bedrooms | one single bedroom | off street parking for several cars | large well established rear garden | Annexe | lounge | double bedroom | shower room.  
Energy Rating D  
Unfurnished - Available 11th August 2017

**BANBURY** £1,100 pcm

A very well presented four bedroomed terraced house located on the outskirts of Banbury town centre with views across the surrounding fields, conveniently situated within easy access to Banbury train station.  
I hallway | dining room | fitted kitchen with white goods | lounge | two double bedrooms with en-suites | study | single bedroom | bathroom | good sized single bedroom to first floor | further double bedroom and study/single bedroom to second floor | pretty courtyard garden | parking to the rear.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available 26th July 2017

**SHUTFORD** £925 pcm

A well presented two bedroomed detached bungalow in a sought after North Oxfordshire village.  
I entrance hall | living room | conservatory | kitchen | two double bedrooms | bathroom | enclosed rear garden | garage | off road parking.  
Energy Rating E  
Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**ELMSCOTE ROAD** £825 pcm

A detached two bedroomed bungalow situated within walking distance of the town centre to the North.  
I hallway | kitchen | lounge | family bathroom | two double bedrooms | conservatory | gardens to front | enclosed rear patio garden | off street parking for two cars.  
Energy Rating D  
Unfurnished - Available 17th July 2017

**BYFIELD** £895 pcm

A very well presented three bedroomed semi detached house situated in this well served village with easy access to the M40 and M1 motorways.  
I hallway | lounge | kitchen/dining room with integrated dishwasher and fridge/freezer | cloak room | two double bedrooms | one single bedroom | bathroom | good sized rear garden | garage | parking.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available 19th July 2017

**CHACOMBE** £950 pcm

A beautifully presented spacious three bedroomed semi detached house situated in a quiet cul de sac in a village North East of Banbury.  
I hallway | cloakroom | lounge | fitted kitchen | dining room with white goods | bathroom | stairs leading to two double bedrooms with built in wardrobes to each.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available 15th July 2017

**BANBURY** £750 pcm

A two bedroomed first floor duplex apartment located in the heart of Banbury town centre.  
I hallway | spacious open plan kitchen/living room with white goods | bathroom | stairs leading to two double bedrooms with built in wardrobes to each.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available 1st August 2017

**FARNBOROUGH** £925 pcm

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached cottage set in this quiet village to the North of Banbury.  
I entrance lobby | sitting room | kitchen/breakfast room | study | cloak room | study/rear hall | three bedrooms | family bathroom | separate utility/outhouse | gardens | parking for two cars.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available 10th July 2017

**WESTMINSTER WAY** £995 pcm

A very well presented three bedroomed semi detached house situated to the East of Banbury within easy reach of the M40 motorway, Banbury railway station and town.  
I hallway | kitchen | cloak room | lounge/dining room | master bedroom with built in wardrobe | further double bedroom | single bedroom | bathroom | enclosed rear garden | garage | off street parking.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**WHEATLEY CLOSE** £1,450 pcm

A beautifully presented, newly refurbished four bedroomed detached house located on the South side of Banbury.  
I porch | hallway | cloakroom | kitchen/breakfast room | utility room | dining room | lounge | four double bedrooms | family bathroom | large enclosed rear garden | double garage | off street parking | gardens to front.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**RIBSTON CLOSE** £895 pcm

A well presented three bedroomed house situated on the popular Hanwell Fields development to the North of Banbury.  
I hallway | spacious lounge | fitted kitchen | downstairs cloakroom | master bedroom with en-suite shower room | further double bedroom | single bedroom | family bathroom | enclosed rear garden | garage | parking bay.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available Soon

**BANBURY** £895 pcm

A three bedroomed mid terrace period house is located within walking distance of Banbury town centre.  
I entrance hall | lounge | dining room | kitchen | two double bedrooms | one single bedroom | family bathroom | rear garden | outhouse.  
Energy Rating D  
Unfurnished - Available 1st August 2017

**DASHWOOD ROAD** £825 pcm

A well presented spacious two bedroomed first floor apartment conveniently located within walking distance of the town centre and Banbury train station.  
I communal entrance with security system | hallway | lounge | kitchen/diner | two double bedrooms | family bathroom with en-suite shower room and built in wardrobe | further double bedroom with built in wardrobe | bathroom | allocated parking | communal storage.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**BANBURY** £825 pcm

A well presented two bedroomed apartment situated on the Hanwell Fields development.  
I entrance hall | spacious lounge/diner | fitted kitchen with white goods | two double bedrooms | family bathroom | garage | parking space.  
Energy Rating C  
Unfurnished - Available Mid July 2017

31-32 High Street | Banbury | OX16 5ER

A reputation built on trust and experience





# Duvall

PARK HOMES

**Upper Heyford,  
Bicester, Oxfordshire**

**For the Semi-Retired and Retired**

Our new gated Phase II section is now under way offering a range of new homes from leading manufacturers. Call into our office any time and our knowledgeable, friendly team can discuss your needs with you.

Pets are welcome.

We have regular updates on our website so make sure you don't miss out.

**Our opening hours are:** Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm  
Saturday 11am – 5pm | Sunday 12.30pm – 3.30pm

**SUMMER PARTY!**  
Friday June 30th at 2.00pm  
• Live Music • BBQ & Pig Roast  
• Press, celebs and more!  
Free Entry



**07785 525359 or 01869 232048**

**[www.duvallparkhomes.com](http://www.duvallparkhomes.com)**



**WINNERS  
of Park Home  
park of the  
year 2016**

# classified

A great way to sell your unwanted items...

**£15.00**

for 6 nights  
in the Oxford Mall and one location in the Banbury Centre. Item must be over £100.

LEATHER SOFA £499  
Two seater sofa, corner sofa, leather, 2 years old, good clean condition, never been used. Tel: 01993 220000

Placing your classified advert is easy

You can call our Classified Team on  
**01865 420420**

You can also place your advert online:  
[banburycake.co.uk/advertise](http://banburycake.co.uk/advertise)  
email: [reception@nqo.com](mailto:reception@nqo.com)

Find these businesses and more online [www.banburycake.co.uk/click2find](http://www.banburycake.co.uk/click2find)

<b>1</b> ARTICLES FOR SALE	<b>1</b> ARTICLES FOR SALE	<b>3</b> SERVICES	<b>8</b> PUBLIC NOTICES
<b>2</b> PETS	Articles Wanted	TO ADVERTISE ONLINE <a href="http://banburycake.co.uk/advertise">banburycake.co.uk/advertise</a>	Announcements - Public Notices
<b>3</b> SERVICES	OLD FASHIONED Pictures, Coins, Gold, Silver & Bank Notes, English or Foreign and Costume Jewellery - Instant Cash Paid. Please Tel: 01295 254704	FREECHOICE GROUP Professional Workmanship for all your Property Renovations  • Gas Works      • Plumbing Works      • Electrical Works • Building      • Carpentry      • Tiling      • Painting	OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1)  Notice of Temporary Traffic Order Balscote, West of Wroxton Middle Lane & Chapel Lane Prohibition of Through Traffic Date of Order: 26 June 2017 Coming into force: 3 July 2017  This Order is being introduced because of water pipe replacement works which are to be carried out in two phases. The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit any vehicle proceeding or waiting in the whole length of: Phase 1: Middle Lane (3 July – 11 August 2017) Phase 2: Chapel Lane (14 August – 8 September 2017) Appropriate traffic signs will be displayed to indicate when the measures are in force. Exemptions are included for emergency services and for the works and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of road. The alternative route for traffic affected by the closure is via local roads.  This Order will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner.  Traffic Regulations Team (Ref:T4841/AC) for the Director for Infrastructure Delivery, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND. 0345 310 1111.
<b>4</b> BUSINESS	LAPTOP & COMPUTER Server, Set up, Repairs, Data Recovery, Internet, Network, Virus Infection, Home / Office Computer Problems. 7 days service No Fix No Fee We visit you Qualified & Experienced <a href="mailto:pclaprepairs@gmail.com">pclaprepairs@gmail.com</a> <b>01295 236292</b>	Plant & Tool Hire  <b>GRAB LORRY HIRE</b> Fully licensed waste carrier • Daily & Weekly Hire Rates Domestic & Commercial • Aggregates & Topsoil Muck away £180 • Builders Waste £300 Hazardous £140  T: 01793 783190 / 07971664806 E: <a href="mailto:grab@aanddgroup ltd.com">grab@aanddgroup ltd.com</a> <a href="http://www.aanddgrab.com">www.aanddgrab.com</a>	<b>10</b> MOTORS
<b>5</b> ENTERTAINMENTS	Drain Clearing	Plumbing & Heating  <b>Small Plumbing Jobs</b> Weekdays 8am - 5pm Weekends 8am - 12:30pm WC Repairs * Taps * Overflows Toilet Flushes Blockages & Leaks Washing Machines & Dishwashers Plumber Steve Palmer & Family <b>07932 567 791</b> <b>01295 263 620</b>	BANBURY MOT & SERVICE CENTRE  MUCH MORE THAN JUST <b>MOT'S</b> MOT Testing Centre • Expert Mechanical Repairs & Servicing All Makes of Car & Light Commercial • Brakes, Clutches Etc Competitive Rates • First Class Service • Tyres & Wheel Balancing Telephone <b>01295 700050</b> Phase 1 • Mead Park • Thorpe Mead Thorpe Way Industrial Estate Banbury • Oxon • OX16 4RZ
<b>6</b> HOLIDAYS	BLOCKED DRAINS? All types of blockages undertaken. Bourton Drain Services 01295 758303	Guttering Services  <b>Goddard's Guttering and Roofing Specialists</b> A Family Run Business Approved installers of GRP Fibre glass flat roofing  • New Roofs • Guttering • Flat Roofing • Re-pointing • Under Tile Felt Replacement • Roof Tile Renovations & Moss Removal • Specialising in PVCU cleaning • 15 Year Guarantee • Free Quotation • General repairs  New Roofs • Guttering • Flat Roofing • Re-pointing • Under Tile Felt Replacement • Roof Tile Renovations & Moss Removal • Specialising in PVCU cleaning • 15 Year Guarantee • Free Quotation • General repairs  Freephone: <b>0800 858 9834</b> Tel: <b>01865 980274/0779 917 7609</b> Head Office 110, 266 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7DL <a href="mailto:david@goddaardsroofing.co.uk">david@goddaardsroofing.co.uk</a>	Caravans & Motorhomes Trade
<b>7</b> EDUCATION	General Services	Roofing Services  <b>ROOFING SERVICES</b> • Flat roofs • Roof repairs • Leaky roofs • Gutter repair • Repointing UPVC fascias, soffits, guttering  No job too big or small All types of work undertaken Best prices in town Free Estimates <b>01295 297953</b> <b>07407 354715</b> <a href="http://www.roofingservices.pro">www.roofingservices.pro</a>	Motors Wanted
<b>8</b> PUBLIC NOTICES	P. BRADLEY 	TOP OF THE RANGE CARAVAN  Also any BMC, British leyland, austin morris spares to help with project, MG parts and factory memorabilia, anything considered.  Tel 07469250520 or 01865 748465	
<b>9</b> RECRUITMENT	FREE Quotes Any Time Council Contractor 10 million Public Liability Insurance Emergency Work. TREE FELLING SURGERY HEDGES CUT etc... 50 years in Business	£25'500 ONO	
<b>10</b> MOTORS			
<b>11</b> PROPERTY	<b>01295 264716</b> <b>07768 527162</b>		

# BanburyCake jobs

To advertise now please call **01865 236228**  
or [recruiters@ox1jobs.com](mailto:recruiters@ox1jobs.com)

...in association with **ox1 jobs.com**

## Taking the next step in retail

Once upon a time it was a phrase on customers' lips that could strike fear into every retail worker.

"I'd like to see the manager" meant only one thing: trouble.

This could range from an armchair dance fan unable to find the sequined dress she saw on Strictly to a major coleslaw spillage and calamity in the delicatessen.

While dealing with customer service queries and complaints remains a large part of a retail manager's job, today the role is much wider and covers many more aspects of the retail sector.

This is good news if you've worked in retail for a few years as a sales assistant and currently seeking a senior position.

Because whether it's for a small grocery store or a shopping centre the size of a town, you're going to be able to use your experience and talents to effect change for your company, employees and customers. And this brings immense rewards.

With the need to meet shopper's ever changing demands – today's must-have buys can be in tomorrow's bargain basket – no two days will ever be the same. Your number one priority,

however, will be making sure everyone is working together to keep the entire operation running smoothly.

Shift rotas, recruitment, stock control, budgets, marketing and health and safety are all part of the job, as is helping your team of employees access fresh opportunities to train and gain extra qualifications in retail.

On-going training programmes will be available for you too – after all, if you want to progress to regional manager or even a company directorship, you need to show drive and enthusiasm at every stage of your career.

This is also one of the reasons why trainee manager positions are much sought after as entry points into senior management.

To land a management role it's essential your CV and interview show you have the skills not only to earn your customers' loyalty but also to develop staff through motivational feedback.

They will also demonstrate you're fully committed to working five days a week, often including Sundays and holidays. In the gargantuan, 24-hour mega-stores you may even find yourself steering the ship at different times of the day and night.



### Bicester Health Centre

#### Coker Close, Bicester, OX26 6AT

is expanding the healthcare team.

We currently have an opportunity for:

#### Dispenser

A vacancy has arisen in the dispensary team and we are looking to employ an experienced dispenser. The Dispensary Services Quality Scheme (DSQS) we sign up to requires that we recruit a dispenser who already has 1000 hours dispensing experience and has suitable training and qualifications (minimum NVQ Level 2).

The 27 hours are needed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8am-6pm. The successful candidate will be able and expected to work additional hours occasionally to cover dispensary staff annual leave to ensure we can offer a service to our patients 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

We are seeking a well organised, friendly individual who has excellent customer service and organisation skills. This is a busy and varied role, and the successful applicant will be fully committed to attention to detail, patient safety and high quality service provision.

If you have dispensary or pharmacy experience, and would like to be part of a busy, friendly practice with a supportive clinical and managerial team then we would like to hear from you.

To apply for this position, please email [Bicester.hc@nhs.net](mailto:Bicester.hc@nhs.net) to request an application pack. If you would like to arrange an informal visit to the practice, please include your request in the email.

TO ADVERTISE  
ONLINE  
[banburycake.co.uk/advertise](http://banburycake.co.uk/advertise)



#### GARDENER REQUIRED



Looking for an  
**EXPERIENCED GARDENER**  
to join our team.

The candidate **MUST** hold a full driving licence.

Some heavy lifting may be required  
and so be fit and healthy.

The core of our work is based in Oxfordshire so it would be preferable if you are based in the area.

Only persons with the above credentials  
need apply.

Please forward CV to [info@rjhlandscapes.co.uk](mailto:info@rjhlandscapes.co.uk)



**Quality Registered Nurses Required:**  
A newly managed care facility is looking for distinctive RNs (with current NMC PIN) who are passionate about superior provision of care and nursing of the older person.

We seek qualified and dedicated individuals able to provide excellent care and have the aspiration to achieve best practice and lead in all areas of care delivery.

#### Essential Qualities:

To recognise and understand the needs of clients with physical demands and a wide range of cognitive impairments.

Good working knowledge of CQC standards and values

#### Preferable Qualities:

Desire to be a Palliative Care Leader

**SALARIES STARTING AT £18 p/h - dependent on experience**

Interested? Please send C.V.s:  
**Sara Reading - Registered Manager**  
The Manor, Main Street, Merton,  
Oxfordshire OX25 2NF  
[RM@theremanormerton.co.uk](mailto:RM@theremanormerton.co.uk)  
01865 331555



#### Painters Required

Must be experienced in New Build.

Price Work in Banbury and surrounding areas.

Good rates of pay.

Must be CSCS registered.

**Please call Lee 07957280321**

#### Park Ranger

**Full Time**  
£20,661 to £24,964

We are looking for someone with general maintenance and repair skills and a "can do" attitude to provide a high profile presence supporting our parks and events services.

You will have a clean driving license (with Class C & C1 or HGV), good Health and Safety awareness and be able to obtain DBS clearance.

A New Roads & Street Works Act Signing, Lighting and Guarding qualification would be an advantage.

Please contact us for an application pack or visit our website. Closing date: Monday 10 July 2017

[www.banbury.gov.uk](http://www.banbury.gov.uk)

#### Curtis & Carder Services Ltd

#### GAS BOILER SERVICE ENGINEERS Required

We are a well-established plumbing and heating company based on the outskirts of Bicester. Due to expansion we are now seeking to employ a well organised and confident individual to join our first class team.

For further information please telephone for an informal discussion:

**Bernice Scott on 01869 277547**  
e-mail: [Bernice.scott@curtisandcarder.co.uk](mailto:Bernice.scott@curtisandcarder.co.uk)

(All applications will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence)

#### Administrator

**£19,000 circa**

Bicester based shipping and courier company requires an experienced, full time admin assistant to support the account and operational departments. The successful candidate will have a working knowledge of Microsoft programmes:

Word, Excel and Outlook alongside systems such as Opera or Sage.

Interested? In the first instance please call 01869 250350 to speak to Roger Dunford, Frank Clark or Richard Brookes or send your CV to [r.dunford@daviesinternational.uk.com](mailto:r.dunford@daviesinternational.uk.com)

#### The Cottage Bakery Thame & Banbury

#### Baker Full Time

An exciting opportunity has arisen at The Cottage Bakery Thame.

We are looking for a baker to join our family run business working night shifts.

Salary negotiable depending on experience.

Hand moulding and work in a similar environment would be an advantage however some training can be provided.

Please call **07546319266**  
for more information or to apply email [thecottagebakerythame@btconnect.com](mailto:thecottagebakerythame@btconnect.com)

#### CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note that all advertisements are accepted only on the terms of our conditions of acceptance which are published regularly in this paper

Newsquest, Oxfordshire, Osney Mead, Oxford OX2 0EJ TEL: 01865 425262

**ox1** jobs.com

To advertise **your** vacancies,  
call us **NOW** on **01865 236228**  
or [recruiters@ox1jobs.com](mailto:recruiters@ox1jobs.com)



## Infrastructure Support Analyst

Oxford

£20,000 to £25,000 per year

We are Newsquest Media Group Ltd., a leading newspaper and digital publishing company in the UK with over 300 publications in print and web publishing delivering over a million 'page impressions' a day.

We are looking for an Infrastructure Support Analyst.

You will be working within an Information Technology Department providing first line IT support, system and business administration services.

You don't need to be an IT expert as full training will be given. You do need to have a relevant educational background or relevant experience in business administration or IT support.

You need to be able to work logically and methodically and have an organised approach to any task, and able to work with people at all levels in an organisation.

Working within a team you will need tenacity, dedication and a sense of humour.

You may already have experience of IT support and ITIL methods, and you could even already be familiar with Microsoft Active Directory, Microsoft Office 365 collaboration software and network technologies.

In return we offer:

A good salary of up to £25,000 a year depending on skills and experience

6.6 weeks holiday including Bank Holidays per annum.

Newsquest operates a Workplace group personal pension plan, in compliance with the employer pension duties under the Pensions Act 2008.

An exciting and varied working environment.

The opportunity to work with up to date software and IT support systems.

Training and development opportunities in IT support.

For a job description and an application pack please email [recruitment@nqgis.com](mailto:recruitment@nqgis.com) or write to Lisa Hutson, Infrastructure Support Manager, Group Infrastructure Services, Newsquest Media Group Ltd., Osney Mead, Oxford OX2 0EJ.

Application is by application form only (see above). The closing date for applications is Friday 30th June 2017.

NO AGENCIES

**Over 70% of  
jobseekers search  
their local paper  
for jobs.**

Your next hire is here.  
Advertise your vacancy today.  
**Call 0186 523 6228**

**ox1 jobs.com**

The new home for jobs in Oxfordshire

BanburyCake

Find whatever business you're looking for...

- BUILDERS
- ELECTRICIANS
- CARPENTERS
- GARDENERS
- PLUMBERS
- ROOFERS
- ... and MORE



It's the business directory for you!  
Visit [www.banburycake.co.uk/](http://www.banburycake.co.uk/click2hire) click2hire and follow the link.

Want to add your business? **IT'S FREE!**  
Enhanced listings are available too.



**3 out of 4 of the  
working population  
live within 30 minutes  
of their work.**

Your next hire is here.  
Advertise your vacancy today.  
**Call 0186 523 6228**

**ox1 jobs.com**

The new home for jobs in Oxfordshire

BanburyCake

# ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

# job fair

ox1jobs.com The Oxford Times  
Sponsored by

Come along to our Job Fair  
And find your **dream job**

To book a stand please call  
**01865 420420** or email [reception@nqo.com](mailto:reception@nqo.com)

**22nd SEPTEMBER 2017**

**FREE ENTRY**

The Oxford Times Job Fair, Doors open 10am  
Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford

# BanburyCake jobs

To advertise now please call **01865 425300**

...in association with **ox1jobs.com**

## **Production / Manufacturing**

Production Operatives  
Chipping Norton  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Admin / Secretarial**

Receptionist  
Bicester  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Accountancy**

Finance Manager  
Banbury  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **IT / Telecommunications**

IT Support Assistant  
Thame  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Retail**

Duty Manager  
Wallingford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Sales**

Relationship Support Manager  
Oxford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Construction / Trades**

Senior Quantity Surveyor  
Oxford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Legal**

Commercial Property Solicitor  
Oxford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Medical / Dental / Health Care**

Marketing Manager (6 Month FTC)  
Bicester • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Charity / Voluntary**

Team Leader  
(Learning Disabilities)  
Oxford • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Scientific**

Antibody Discovery And Engineering Scientist / Senior Scientist Roles  
Oxford • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Medical / Dental / Health Care**

Occupational Health Advisor (Field Based - South West)  
Oxford • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Accountancy**

Trainee / Part - Qualified Accountant  
Kidlington • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Sales**

Sales Consultant  
Witney  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Property**

Principal Building Surveyor  
Oxford  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Hospitality / Catering / Tourism**

Spa Manager  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Charity / Voluntary**

Senior Project Worker  
Oxford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Education / Teaching**

Temporary Teaching Posts  
Oxford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Logistics / Distribution**

Dealer Services Officer  
Oxford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Call / Contact Centres**

German Sales & Telemarketing Support Executive  
Oxford • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Other**

Temporary Development Manager  
Oxford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Scientific**

Regulatory Affairs Specialist  
Global Regulations  
Wantage • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Oil / Gas**

Connections Designer  
Oxford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Charity / Voluntary**

IS Service Transition Lead (FIN0298)  
Oxford • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Construction / Trades**

Graduate Electrical Design Engineer - Building Services  
Witney • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Construction / Trades**

Freelance Site Engineer.  
Oxford  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Other**

Trade Counter Sales Advisor  
Didcot  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Engineering / Technical**

Junior Technician - Electrical / Electronic / Software  
Benson • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Medical / Dental / Health Care**

Dispensers • Watlington  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Customer Service**

Civic Hall Assistant  
Didcot  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Hospitality / Catering / Tourism**

Kitchen Assistant  
Witney • Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

## **Architecture**

Gardener  
Bicester  
Competitive  
visit [ox1jobs.com](http://ox1jobs.com) to apply

**ox1jobs.com**

To advertise **your** vacancies,  
call us **NOW** on **01865 425300**

# Motors

## Epitomising elegance

Audi A5 road tested



**BANBURYCAKE.CO.UK/CARS**

# Motors - first for new cars

## New Car Road Test

The definitive view  
by Andy Enright



# A5 - form and function in perfect harmony



**AUDI'S** second generation A5 Coupe is lighter, more intelligent and more sophisticated.

**Ten Second Review**  
ON paper, the MK2 model Audi A5 Coupe is the market's most complete compact executive sporting two-door model. Performance statistics, running costs, residual values, practicality - all of these things have been ruthlessly checked to improve upon standards set by rivals from Mercedes and BMW. It's a clinical approach. And not surprisingly, it's produced a car that's very difficult to fault.

**Background**  
THE second generation A5 Coupe we're looking at here won't raise many eyebrows but it still claims to be a shockingly efficient way to have an awful lot of driving enjoyment.

Like its predecessor, this car is based on the platform of Audi's A4 saloon, a rather sophisticated platform as it happens, the MLB Evo underpinnings able to trim up to 60kgs from the kerb weight in comparison to the previous model. The suspension set-up is firmer than you get in an A4 though, which should make this A5 feel sportier and better able to face down its arch-rivals, coupe versions of BMW's 4 Series and the Mercedes C-Class.

**Driving Experience**  
YOU'D think, when it came to driving dynamics, that this A5 with

its front-driven layout will, after all, never reward an enthusiast in quite the same way as a rear-driven BMW. But in originally developing this car, Audi was convinced that it could be made to feel almost as good. To prove the point, three different suspension systems are being offered this time round, two of them passive and one featuring adaptive damping. Whatever your choice, you'll find the set-up firmer than it would be in an equivalent A4 saloon.

Under the bonnet, the engines pretty much reflect the ones you get in the A4 line-up, with the exception of the fact that you can't get the 150PS 2.0 TDI motor. For petrol people, the brand's latest 2.0 TFSI powerplant is provided in 190PS guise with 2WD and the choice of 6-speed manual or 7-speed S tronic auto transmission; or 252PS, in which guise this unit can only be ordered with an S tronic gearbox and quattro 4WD. If, like many A5 Coupe buyers, you want a diesel, you'll probably want the 2.0 TDI 190PS unit, offered with either a manual or an S tronic 'box, plus if you go for the auto, there's a quattro option if you want it. If you need a diesel with more poke, there's a 218PS six-cylinder 3.0 TDI derivative, which only comes in quattro guise with S tronic transmission. At the top of the range, the sporting S5 quattro variant gets a newly developed 3.0 TFSI turbo V6 powerplant with 354PS, which is 21PS more than the engine in the previous model.

### Design and Build

THINK this second generation A5 coupe doesn't look much different to its predecessor? Look again. Yes, features like the previous model's wave-shaped shoulder line are carried over but the whole effect is now sharper and more modern, featuring a sculpted Singleframe grille that's significantly flatter and wider than in the previous model. There's a long bonnet, short overhangs and, most significantly, a stretched wheelbase that creates more room inside.

You'll feel that in the cabin - especially if you happen to be seating at the rear. Up front, high-quality materials in a wide range of colours provide for a particularly pleasant ambience and underscore the premium character of the mid-sized model. Like all the latest Audis, this one gets the brand's 'Virtual cockpit' instrument binnacle, a 12.3-inch TFT display that replaces the conventional dial. The rear seat has a 40:20:40 split and can be easily folded forward using levers in the luggage compartment. Audi also offers an optional gesture control system for opening the luggage compartment lid via a foot motion.

### Market and Model

IN the mainstream A5 Coupe range, there are three trim levels - 'SE', 'Sport' and 'S line'. Prices start at around £31,000 and rise up to just over £45,000. You'll need a £47,000 budget

though, if you want the 354PS S5 flagship model. As usual, there's a premium of around £2,500 to pay if you want to switch from any given petrol variant to its diesel alternative.

Whichever variant you choose, you should find your car to be decently equipped. Audi is particularly proud of its media connectivity, specifically the 'connect' system that can link to the Internet via the ultrafast LTE network. With the standard Audi smartphone interface, Apple Car Play and Android Auto bring the familiar smartphone environment to the car, if desired. The optional Audi phone box with wireless charging in the centre armrest uses near-field coupling to link smartphones wirelessly to the vehicle's antenna.

### Cost of Ownership

THE 60kg weight saving achieved with this MK2 model plays a big part in the claimed 22% efficiency savings achieved this time round, despite the increases in power delivered beneath the bonnet. In fact, the body is the lightest in the competitive field thanks to an intelligent mix of materials and lightweight design. It also helps that with a drag coefficient of 0.25, the A5 Coupe is the segment leader with respect to aerodynamics. As a result, a base diesel 'ultra' variant is able to deliver 70.6mpg on the combined cycle and 105g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>.



Of course, the driver will have to do his or her part. Helping here is the clever 'Predictive efficiency assist' system that could potentially improve your fuel economy by as much as 10%. It works with the Navigation package and analyses any given route, once set, to decide how the journey could be undertaken more efficiently, the set-up then offers driving tips that'll help you achieve that.

### Summary

THE Audi A5 may not be the sportiest or the most prestigiously-badged compact executive sports coupe you can buy but in every other respect - quality, practicality, value and running costs - this A5 is unequalled in its market. Very smart. Very cool. And very Audi.

### Facts at a glance

CAR: Audi A5 Coupe range
PRICES: £31,535 - £45,910 - on the road
INSURANCE GROUPS: 27-40
CO2 EMISSIONS: 105-151 g/km
PERFORMANCE: [3.0 TDI 218PS] 0-60 6.2s Top Speed 155mph (electronically limited)
FUEL CONSUMPTION: [2.0 TDI 190PS] 64.2 mpg (combined)
STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: Twin airbags, side & curtain airbags, ABS, stability control
WILL IT FIT IN YOUR GARDEN: Length/Width/Height 4673/1846/1371mm

# Motors - first for used cars

## Used Car Road Test

by Jonathan Crouch



# The Kia Carens carries on



### Models Covered

5DR MPV (1.6 GDI 133BHP PETROL / 1.7 CRDI DIESEL – 114BHP & 139BHP)

### Introduction

WITH smart looks, a practical interior, great build quality and solid engineering, Kia's third generation Carens turned out to be a much improved 7-seat compact MPV. Though well appointed, it offers strong value and efficient running costs. In other words, you get pretty much everything families are looking for in this segment. Here, we're looking at the original version of this MK3 model that sold in the 2013 to 2016 period.

### The History

IN many ways, the Kia brand has been built on MPV motoring and for years, its large Sedona model was its best seller here. By the turn of the century though, it was clear that people carrying segment growth lay in smaller designs, a market targeted with the original Carens model of 2000. This was the kind of car Kia used to make, cheap, practical and very dull. Signs that the brand could do better arrived

with its 2006 replacement, but that was still an MPV you bought on sticker price, not necessarily because you really wanted one.

Kia though has no room for such cars in its model line-up any more and accordingly, when this third generation Carens was launched in 2013, it was clear that it needed to offer a big step forward, with more desirable styling, impressive quality and hi-tech engineware. It needed to be practical too, given that by now, Kia was no longer offering that big Sedona MPV, hence the decision to only offer this post-2013 Carens with 7 seats. Do earlier versions of this MK3 model make sense for used car buyers? Let's find out.

### What To Look For

VERY little goes wrong with typical third generation Carens models; in fact, our ownerships survey almost completely failed to find anyone at all who was dissatisfied. The closest we came to that was with an owner who felt that the diesel engine didn't pull cleanly and evenly, a glitch that was quickly cured by their local dealer. Otherwise, just look out for the usual things; kerbed alloys and damage caused to interior plastics

by unruly children. Make sure that the service book is fully stamped up by a franchised dealer too.

### On The Road

KIA was keen that this third generation Carens should be far more class-competitive in terms of its on the road driving experience. But it was also mindful of how low a priority this is for most potential buyers. Cars of this kind are usually seen as functional items, with comfort and composure greater priorities than power and dynamic response. So a compromise was reached during development. Nothing too dramatic was done to either ride or handling but a much stiffer body, fancy Flex Steer variable weight steering and a range of more willing engines all aim to keep your interest once you've dropped off the kids at school.

Though the 6-speed manual gearbox isn't the slickest, the steering's nicely direct, even if it doesn't offer a great deal of feedback. But in all Carens models, you can try and do something about that thanks to the standard inclusion of Kia's Flex Steer system. It offers the driver a choice of Normal, Comfort or Sport

steering modes, something fun to experiment with for the first few miles but ultimately not of much use given that 'Comfort' is rather too light and 'Sport' a bit too heavy.

Under the bonnet, buyers get to choose between a 133bhp 1.6-litre GDI petrol unit or a 1.7-litre CRDi turbodiesel, offered in 114 or 134bhp states of tune, the latter available with the option of a 6-speed auto gearbox. Most will be choosing between the GDI petrol unit or the lower-powered diesel, both capable of around 112mph flat out. On paper, the diesel gets there in a more leisurely fashion, the 0-62mph sprint taking 12.6s as opposed to 10.9s but in practice, the CRDi model's greater reserves of torque (there's 95Nm more of it) make it feel a more willing companion. The diesel's heavier engine also puts a bit more weight over the front wheels, which makes the car feel slightly more positive when cornering.

And the best engine you could choose? Well, it's probably the one that, thanks to high pricing, hardly any UK customers will buy – the 1.7 CRDi diesel in its pokiest 134bhp state of tune. Go for such a variant and, as with the lower-powered unit, you have to be up

around 1,500rpm before the grunt really propels you forward but once it does, the extra torque (up from 260 to 330Nm) is quite noticeable – to the point where it'd be a real boon if you were regularly using the car heavy laden or on longer trips.

### Overall

THE easy sell here will be to buyers of previous first and second generation Carens models. This MK3 model was such a big step forward that Kia could justifiably have re-named it and started again. Buy one and you get the same strong build quality, reliability and long warranty you had before but now wrapped up in a more effective, desirable and efficient package. Yes, also a pricier one, but the value proposition still remains strong in comparison with obvious rivals.

You certainly get a lot more for your money here than rivals from brands like Ford, Renault and Citroen can offer. For the money you'd give to these makers for a five-seat compact MPV, Kia provides a seven-seater design that's better equipped, just as efficient and, to some eyes at least, even arguably better looking.

# £3,000 SCRAPPAGE ALLOWANCE FOR YOUR PART EXCHANGE

ON SELECTED NEW CARS<sup>†</sup>



BRAND NEW  
CORSA ENERGY

**£3000**

MINIMUM FOR  
YOUR PART  
EXCHANGE

**£157 + £499**  
PER MONTH

**4.8%**  
APR



BRAND NEW  
ASTRA SRi

**£3000**

MINIMUM FOR  
YOUR PART  
EXCHANGE

**£224 + £999**  
PER MONTH

**3.7%**  
APR



BRAND NEW  
MOKKA X

**£3000**

MINIMUM FOR  
YOUR PART  
EXCHANGE

**£259 + £999**  
PER MONTH

**3.7%**  
APR



PRE-REGISTERED

VIVA SE  
**NOW £7,995**

**SAVE £1,320**

OFF LIST PRICE WHEN NEW

**£119 + £119**  
PER MONTH

**4.9%**  
APR



PRE-REGISTERED  
MERIVA LIFE  
**NOW £8,999**

LAST FEW REMAINING

**SAVE £5,271**

OFF LIST PRICE WHEN NEW

## 3 GREAT CARS, 1 GREAT PAYMENT!

**SAVE  
£8549**  
OFF PRICE WHEN NEW



2016 ZAFIRA TOURER EXCLUSIV  
7 Seats & Spacious Design

**£169 + £169**  
PER MONTH

**0%**  
APR

**SAVE  
£605**  
OFF PRICE WHEN NEW



2016 ASTRA SRi NAV 1.0T  
European Sat Nav

**£169 + £169**  
PER MONTH

**0%**  
APR



2014 MOKKA SE  
Full Leather Interior

**£169 + £169**  
PER MONTH

**0%**  
APR

OPEN UNTIL 9PM TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

**Eden Vauxhall Banbury**

Beaumont Road | OX16 1RH

Tel: 01295 755400

**Eden Vauxhall Oxford**

Oxford Motor Park | OX5 1RY

Tel: 01865 856500

Sales Opening Hours

08:30-19:00 Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday | 08:30-21:00 Tuesday and Thursday

Mokka X 1.6i Active on the road price £20,420 - Customer Deposit £999 - Part exchange allowance £3,000 - Total amount of credit £16,421 - 47 monthly payments of £259.92 - Optional final payment £5,842 - 3.7% APR Representative on Personal Contract Plan - Total amount payable £22,057.24 based on 5,000 miles contract duration (other mileages available). Astra 1.4 SRi on the road price £9,315 - Customer Deposit £999 - Part exchange allowance £3,000 - Total amount of credit £15,136.00 - 47 monthly payments of £224.69 - Optional final payment £6,138 - 3.7% APR Representative on Personal Contract Plan - Total amount payable £20,697.43 based on 5,000 miles contract duration (other mileages available). Corsa 1.4 Energy on the road price £13,420 - Customer Deposit £499 - Part exchange allowance £3,000 - Total amount of credit £9,926 - 47 monthly payments of £157.36 - Optional final payment £3,519 - 4.8% APR Representative on Personal Contract Plan - Total amount payable £14,711.92 based on 5,000 miles contract duration (other mileages available). Pre-registered Viva SE normal on the road price £9,315 - Now £7,995 - Save £1,320 - Customer deposit £119 - Total amount of credit £7,876 - 48 monthly payments of £119 - Optional final payment £3,181 - 4.9% APR representative - total interest charge £898 - total amount payable £9,012 based on 6,000 miles contract duration (other mileages available). Pre-registered Meriva Life normat on the road price £14,270 - Now £8,999 - Save £5,271. Scrappage allowance is regardless of age, condition or mileage however, it must be drivable and in your ownership for at least 6 months - this offer is available on selected vehicles only and subject to Eden Vauxhall availability. The minimum part exchange scrappage allowance is as part of a Vauxhall finance agreement and supersedes any other offers that may coincide. Finance subject to status. Terms & Conditions apply. 18's and over. Guarantee may be required. We are a credit broker not a lender for these financial promotions. We can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers and may receive a commission from them for the introduction. Excess mileage will be charged on the above vehicles, other mileages are available. Images used for illustration purposes only, specifications may vary. For further details please contact your local Eden Vauxhall branch. Offer ends 30 September 2017.

a better world of motoring

edenvauxhall.com



**VAUXHALL**

# Need to hire a vehicle in a hurry?

WE STOCK CARS AND VANS OF ALL SIZES  
FOR WHATEVER YOU NEED TO CARRY



**Holiday  
Car Hire**  
**Hire vehicles  
to take abroad**

**Contact our friendly, professional  
team for assistance in choosing the  
right vehicle for your requirements!  
BUSINESS DEALS AVAILABLE!**



## **Banbury Van & Car Hire Ltd**

**01295 256555**

**07888 747323 • 07827 974399**

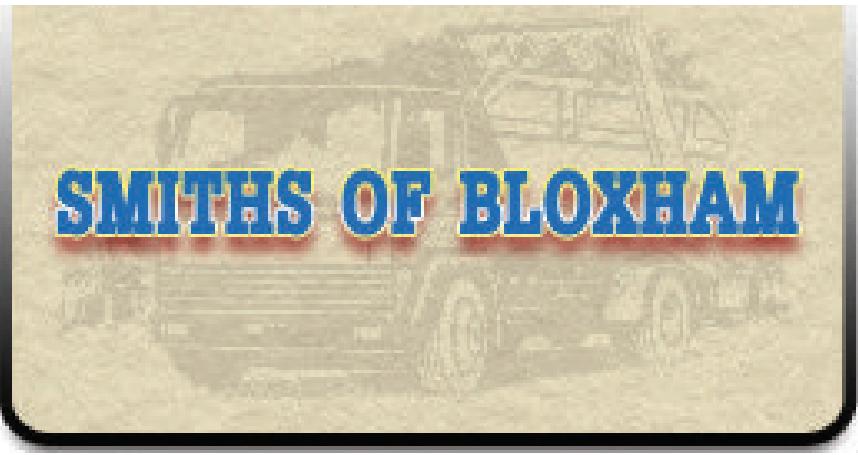
**E: [hire@banburyvanandcarhire.co.uk](mailto:hire@banburyvanandcarhire.co.uk)**

**[www.banburyvanandcarhire.co.uk](http://www.banburyvanandcarhire.co.uk)**

**Thorpe Way • Banbury • Oxfordshire • OX16 4SP**

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK:**

**8:30am-5:30pm Monday - Friday, 9am-1pm Saturday, 9am-1pm Sunday**



**SMITHS OF BLOXHAM**

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**

**SMITHS OF BLOXHAM**



SCRAP CARS & M.O.T  
FAILURES ALWAYS WANTED



WASTE DISPOSAL SKIP SERVICE  
OUR REF: YOUR REF:

**METAL AND MACHINERY MERCHANTS**  
**WEIGHBRIDGE FACILITIES UP TO 50 TONNES**  
**MILTON ROAD**  
**BLOXHAM**

BANBURY • OXON • OX15 4HE  
TELEPHONE BANBURY (01295) 720286 | FAX BANBURY (01295) 721062

# TRADE SECRET

OUTLET FURNITURE WAREHOUSE

**WITH INFLATION STARTING TO RISE AND PRICES GOING UP IT'S REASSURING TO KNOW THAT OUR QUALITY FURNITURE IS ALWAYS DEEPLY DISCOUNTED UP TO 60% OFF THE HIGH STREET PRICE**

HIGH STREET PRICE £1699	TRADE SECRET £849
	

DALSTON      DALSTON

HIGH STREET PRICE £999	TRADE SECRET £499
	

AMELIE      AMELIE

HIGH STREET PRICE £1699	TRADE SECRET £849
	

CAVENDISH      CAVENDISH

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE - GOOGLE SEARCH THESE PRODUCTS!!**

HIGH STREET PRICE £299	TRADE SECRET £199
	

HEMINGWAY      HEMINGWAY

HIGH STREET PRICE £650	TRADE SECRET £325
	

REGENT      REGENT

HIGH STREET PRICE £1249	TRADE SECRET £625
	

BIZET SOFA BED      BIZET SOFA BED

## WHAT WE DO IS SIMPLE:

We buy cancelled furniture orders, overruns and returned products from the most respected high street stores including JOHN LEWIS and many more leading brands.

0% FINANCE AVAILABLE

**OPENING HOURS:** Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm Sat: 10am-5pm Sun: 10am-4pm

Unit 6 Twyford Mill, Adderbury, Nr Banbury OX17 3SX.

**AMPLE FREE PARKING • NOW ALSO AT CASTLE QUAY SHOPPING CENTRE, BANBURY**

**DEFINITELY WORTH A LOOK**

**Tel. 01295 810110 • www.trade-secret.co.uk**